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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1976

IN India the number 101 has a special significance more auspicious than 100 which is so important in the West. Let us enter into the special atmosphere of this 101st convention, smaller this year and quieter than last, with minds that are open and hearts that are pure so that through our spiritual perception we may realize in greater depth the life that flows through the form. Welcome then to one and all. May you be happy here and make others happy too by your kindness to each and everyone.

I shall now ask you to rise so that we may invoke once more the blessing of Those to whom we owe so much.

May Those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal, bless with Their protection the Society established to do Their will on earth; may They ever strengthen it with Their power, inspire it with Their wisdom and energize it with Their activity.

Last year at our Centenary Convention, our thoughts were focussed largely on the success of the World Congress in New York and the great worldwide publicity given to the 100th birthday of our Society on November 17th in the Press, in magazines and on the Radio and Television. We were indeed recognized in the world as an organization working for the betterment of humanity. Already the first year of our second century has slipped by and

we must look urgently to the future. What lies ahead for our Society? Our concern today is for what lies immediately ahead of us in the foreseeable future—in the next 25 years. Having laid the foundations we are now on the first floor and the structure will take shape as we place the bricks according to the plan—the blueprint which we must always keep in mind as our work progresses. Have we remained true to that plan envisioned by the inner Founders of the Society? Are our foundations so well and truly laid that we as a society will (and deserve to) survive? Do we still merit their interest in us?

I think we may truly say that the Elder Brothers looked to the wide horizons of tomorrow and that the whole founding of the Theosophical Society was not only for the last century, but for the future as well, and we may well ask ourselves to what future are they looking now. What could we see if we were looking hard enough and in the right direction, reading what they are founding today for a yet more distant future. We can accept that the doctrine that H. P. Blavatsky and others gave us 100 years ago will remain the doctrine still and presumably those who gave it will not contradict themselves. This is why it is of vital usefulness to know the foundations upon which we have to build. May we not confidently expect other corners

of the veil to be lifted? If so, then we have to keep our eyes widely open and ourselves aware of everything that is happening about us. We might ask ourselves whether we would be able to recognize, what one might call the Master's touch, in any new happening, or whether we are still bound by prejudice and conditioning, by concrete forms of expectations and thereby rendered unable to see what is taking place?

The Elders, evidently, are not sentimental but pragmatic and full of common sense. Surely they have a great responsibility to carry out their part of the great plan and looking around them, will choose those persons or groups that seem most likely to help effectively. "Are we going to be a part of it?" is a question that is often asked and it has been said by one of them that ingratitude is not one of their vices. But surely all finally depends upon ourselves. If we are not useful or willing to fit into a possibly new pattern, I might even say a probably new pattern, then we may not be used as part of the new plan and the new effort of the end of this century. Surely this is just plain common sense. The needs of the world and the needs of the times come first. They are more important than our particular hopes and wishes. We have to face this fact bravely and without fear.

H. S. Olcott, the President Founder, at the first convention held at Adyar on December 27th 1883, wrote "The Movement is now too strong to be stopped: it must run out its career and exhaust its momentum. Ideas penetrate the carcasses in which error reincarnates itself as a rifle bullet does the body of an ambuscading assassin. The antagonisms and antipathies of mankind all lie upon the surface of being; the inner man of each of us is kin to all humanity. The surface stream may run muddy, but the water that trickles through the gravel

bed beneath the clay is limpid. The surface stream brawls and mingles its tide with the offal of life's selfish industries, but the vapour of the clouds which afterwards drains from the glaciers of the mountain peak, to sink out of sight until it reappears and refreshes the valley, is crystal-pure. This is the secret of Theosophy. This is the key to its success. Just in proportion as theosophists keep this in view, will they enjoy peace and happiness, and spread them around."

These are strong words, spoken by a courageous man ". . . one who never questions, but obeys; who may make innumerable mistakes out of excessive zeal but never is unwilling to repair his fault even at the cost of the greatest self-humiliation; who esteems the sacrifice of comfort and even life something to be cheerfully risked whenever necessary; who will eat any food, or even go without; sleep on any bed, work in any place, fraternize with any outcast, endure any privation for the cause." (K. H. to A. P. Sinnett about Olcott in Letter No 4—*The Mahatma Letters*)

Antagonisms and antipathies there have been, and who shall say where they may recur, but we must face their challenge or we shall have failed those who were willing to dare more ridicule and difficulty than it has ever been necessary for us to encounter.

Now is the time for getting down to brass tacks, and facing the world both within and without the Society. Sometimes, I think, we have become so immersed in our own jargon and so enclosed in our own little theosophical cocoons that we are largely unaware of the world around us. I hear members, now and then, referring to the scientific world, for instance, as if it were the same as the scientific world H. P. B. castigated in no uncertain terms. Similarly in the field of religion we seem ignorant of the great

changes which have taken place and are still occurring. So it is up to us, and that is why it is so necessary for us to be open to change.

The members in the early days of the Society and well into the 20th century were, one might almost say, scared of investigating psychic phenomena, except in a few cases. It was not the thing to do, it was dangerous, it was harmful to one's inner progress and so on. Today there is tremendous interest in the occult, in the unknown, and in the psychic fields. Great psychologists, like Jung, have opened the doors on to the world of the unconscious and its great importance to us in our daily lives—in fact at every moment of our lives, either waking, sleeping or dreaming.

So what is needed is not change only for its own sake, but the attitude in us, that is open to experiment in new fields; the courage in us that is willing to face new challenges and the good sense in us that can see the need to acknowledge and the usefulness of working with all those other people in the field of science, parapsychology and so on who are already substantiating by their own methods, many of those things that we, until now, have held to be theosophical. Whilst retaining a recognition of the fundamental laws of life, which do not change, so far as we are concerned at least, we have to proceed into a wider and expanded field of endeavour and opportunity where we shall only be able to fulfil our purpose if we loosen ourselves from some of the thought patterns of the past.

In a newspaper recently I read an article about how young people had taken the very self-sacrificing step of forming a group of people who were willing to bequeath their eyes to the All India Eye Bank, which apparently already is in existence, and the Editorial says this: "If youths take a bold step where elders

are hesitant, it is not only indicative of the times, but it is also the right type of action that is called for. It should not be viewed as a case of fools rushing in where angels fear to tread, it is certainly a case of youth attempting to meet the challenge and overcoming it, which of course, the fading generation has not chosen to do. To restore sight to those who have lost it is the highest form of service and those who help to make this possible are entitled to the greatest respect." I think this kind of thing is indicative rather of the new attitudes which are coming into being around us and that it becomes one of the most important things for us in the Theosophical Society to acknowledge and to face.

Young people, the world over, are searching for something they cannot find in their religion. They feel incomplete, they seek for that something more. They look for it in drugs and hypnotism and other ways. But why have so few of the members of the Society in our lodges risen to the challenge to give some direction to those asking for it? The same thing may be said of "yoga". Everywhere in the West, yoga schools are springing up, like mushrooms, in educational establishments, in women's organizations. In towns, cities and villages, wherever you go, you will hear of yoga classes, yoga teachers, even on the Radio and Television! But how many lodges have their yoga courses? "But," you will say, "this is only Hatha Yoga." Of course that is so, but cannot Hatha Yoga be shown to have its place in the great Yoga philosophy and in the whole totality of man? Can we use this movement with all its enormous impetus and guide it into the theosophical setting? The time is now ripe for this.

I would feel, myself, that if we are not willing to try and do something to help many of these young people to avoid falling

into the traps of pseudo-occultism and into the hands of pseudo-swamis, which so often happens, we shall be neglecting our duty—the very duty for which the Society was founded, for all this will no doubt have been foreseen more than a hundred years ago. The point is really, I suppose, that it is we older people who have to review the scene, look into our own hearts and try to establish for ourselves whether our attitudes are really truly outward turned and free and full of understanding of the need for change, or whether we simply want to go on in the same old way, which must lead to some eventually final destruction, because whoever does not become a part of the new effort is going to be cast aside. Why not? Mme. Blavatsky, quoted in the *Collected Writings*, in reference actually to the Society as a body having no creeds, etc., says this: “The attainment of these objects, all agree, can best be secured by convincing the reason and warming the enthusiasm of the generation of fresh young minds that are just ripening into maturity and making ready to take the place of their prejudiced and conservative fathers. And as each—the great ones as well as small—have trodden the royal road to knowledge, we listen to all and take both small and great into our fellowship.” It is a fine statement and when we are enjoined by H. P. B. to take all into our Fellowship, we have to realize that all means *all* and that Fellowship means friendliness and understanding and brotherhood and affection. It does not mean that we think we are superior to others just because they happen to be younger in body. Who knows but that it is very likely indeed that they may be older in soul. If asked which is the more important, of these two what shall we answer?

It seems to me, then, that we need very specially today in our T.S. to be aware of

what is happening in this field around us and to feel ourselves in duty bound to do something for this increasingly numerous group of seekers within the general population of the world. If we do not take advantage of it, the wave will have passed us by and we shall have “missed the boat.”

C. W. Leadbeater is quoted as saying, on one occasion, that nothing matters very much and very little matters at all, and I suppose that we are meant to interpret this as best we can, for man lives finally in the world of the eternal and we need the courage, the daring, the pioneer spirit that is therefore unafraid to wrestle with time and the things of time. When a pioneer goes to a new country with all his memories and skills and virtues and possibly some of his problems, he has to face challenges that he has not even imagined and for which he is not at all prepared. So it seems that we too, having come purposely into incarnation especially to face the challenge of a new century—which is what we are doing today,—a new age, a new dawn, we must not fear to tackle the problems of today with fortitude and freedom of spirit. Sometimes we are too afraid, really, to do the job that we are actually born to do. Is this not something that we could offer to the Elder Brothers in the coming years, an aptitude which, if true, they might be able to use in the furtherance of their plans? Now this, of course, is no attack upon our loyalty to the fundamental principles of Theosophy, but rather a challenge to our deep understanding of what those principles really are. Because surely their very nature renders them applicable to every age, today, tomorrow and to 100 years ago. We stand at the beginning of tremendous things. We have to be big enough to venture into new pastures. It is the responsibility that karma has laid upon

our shoulders, and we have the chance to pay back a little more of the debt we owe to the great Brotherhood. Let us have courage, then, and common sense and compassion and if these three go hand in hand, our future usefulness is assured. What we do now will help to set the tone for many years to come.

There is little doubt that the world is moving quickly. What is taking place is literally changing the face of the earth and the lives of humanity. It was for this future world that the Society came into being. H. P. B., in her great works, gave us so much, but she indicated that what she gave of the ancient wisdom was only a fraction of the whole. But even in a century we have barely begun to grasp the magnitude of the work to be done. She has given us a glimpse of the magnificent panorama which lies ahead, of the tremendous potentialities that lie within this marvellous creation which is man. But she has told us in clear terms that in the long pull up the mountain of progress we have to make the effort ourselves; no one else can do it for us. It is a long and difficult journey but once we have set out upon it there is no going back. As Clara Codd, whose centenary we celebrated this year, once said when a questioner complained about the difficulties, "My dear, no one ever promised it would be easy!"

There can be no question at all that we have many vital problems to face in the Society. Our civilization of today has been described as suicidal and yet it is in this very extraordinary and critical situation that we have been called back to earth to try to do something useful and effective in bringing the wisdom of Theosophy to a darkened world, at a time within the Kali Yuga where it is not so easy to affect some of the materialism with which we are surrounded. From now on, while drawing wisely from the past,

we have to look ahead in the context of 1977. The Centenary Convention of last year and the World Congress in New York have given us the opportunity of opening up to new ideas and some of these ideas are going to come to fruition and some have already started, such as the Centre for Theosophical Studies, which has been so ably conducted in its beginnings by the Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills. The concluding of the first term here at Adyar was accompanied by an enormous appreciation on the part of all the students for what had been done for them during the months of study by the Vice-President herself, by Dr. Mullik, Dr. Kannan and others who helped in running the courses. This is a new beginning, in a sense, of something which has no beginning, and by that I mean it is the passing on from those who have studied much, to those who have studied less, something of that great wealth of information and knowledge which forms the background of our theosophical movement. The Task Forces at the Congress in New York and the other discussion groups which took place here in Adyar, have been carefully sifted so that proposals of a concrete nature can arise from the many suggestions made, which can be adopted, in part at least, and passed on to the membership around the world as useful means, whereby the success of our work can be more readily assured in the circumstance of today.

I think we have to realize that it is now you and I who have this responsibility on our shoulders and I would seek to call on every member everywhere throughout the world to accept this challenge, so that our Society may remain the spearhead of spiritual advance in those fields where the theosophical student is best equipped to take a positive part in the direction of world events. Can we not dedicate this year ahead and other years beyond, which

after all are built on the finest foundations, to the duty of carrying out the great plan of the work wherever we may be, so that the star of theosophical wisdom may continue to illumine the paths of all humanity? Surely this is our continuing work and how many of us, we may ask, may find the strength to do it?

It has been said that anyone posing a question, already knows the answer. We do know the answers to our problem; let us go forward into the future using that knowledge to bring nearer, by however little, the true brotherhood of humanity.

There has been much correspondence between some of us this year on the whole question of whether we should have a Centre attached to the Headquarters here in Adyar which could act as a recipient and a distributor of that information from and to the large numbers of younger people who are interested in the Society around the world. It is, of course, not restricted only to the young, but what I would perhaps more readily call the young in heart. But if I use the word "restricted," it is not because I or anyone else would like to restrict anybody or anything, for after all, is it not true that we restrict ourselves or we do not? If one can understand the need for helping and the actual cry that arises around us for help in the great difficulties of adjusting to life in this quickly changing age, then we should be up and doing, all of us who feel the duty of so doing.

We cannot escape from our true purpose, whether we want to or not, and the true purpose has always been turned towards helping to meet the needs of all men everywhere.

So once again we have to analyze what we feel as members of the Society. Can we really accept the challenge of being a theosophist, which means something very specific, and different from just going on with one's normal life, hearing a lecture

or two, once or twice a week, and thinking that that is what a theosophical life is all about. Surely, my brothers of the theosophical movement, this cannot be true. It is much too easy and from all one can understand about the beginnings of the Society, it was called into existence to work for humanity by those who never do anything else. This is no imagination and no fairy tale. It is the facts and if our Society is really to be useful in the future as it has been in the past, then it means that every single one of us has to look to himself and his own character, his own nature, his own willingness to accept the challenge that Theosophy brings to us. If we cannot do this, let us at least not speak without understanding about those who try to do something, whilst we are often only sitting in our chairs. Do not let us, who are unwilling to co-operate, become millstones around the necks of those who are trying, as best they can, to do what they feel is necessary for our work in this present day and age. It is for work that we are here, but we clutter ourselves up all too often with all sorts of other things which take up our time and use up our energies.

From what I can understand of the early days, everyone was certainly tired, everyone certainly might say: we just do not have enough time; but the time they had and the energy they had was spent without thinking of themselves at all, turning their attention entirely towards trying to be channels for the forces which came from the founders, who foresaw the great needs of the world and did what they felt was best to try to help it. Doubtless they help it still in every way they can and if, in this end of a century, we are to be part of the great effort made, then it is we who have to take the facts seriously and make our main objective the assistance of those around us. It is not only in our lodges and in our special meetings

we can do this, it is everywhere all through our lives and one does not have to go to a church or temple in order to work. In what, in England, is called a "pub," which is short for "public house" or country inn, where ordinary people go to drink their beer, talk politics, make friends and where there is often an atmosphere of joviality and bonhomie, there can be as much religious spirit as in many a place which makes high claims to its spirituality and its special mission. And this is true. The time has come for plain speaking and we may no longer feel content except with the very best that is in us, put to the service of the whole. Let us try to revive within ourselves that great spirit which so characterized so many of our wonderful leaders in the past. This spirit is infectious and it encourages each one of us to try and move mountains in the service of brotherhood. The need for brotherhood around us is almost as great as ever it was and theosophists should be in the forefront of every effort that is being made to help to bring about the happiness and peace of all living things. Not one of us can be exempt from this. Not one of us can refuse the challenge that Theosophy has brought us, without in some way losing our self respect. There is a mighty force at work in the world and nothing can prevent its victory. Let us encourage that force within our own lives so that it may ever function strongly in the service to which we are called. In days gone by, in messages to Conventions from the beginning of the existence of the Society, splendid challenging calls have been made by those who felt so deeply that every member should be active in service. Can we not consider such a call once again and having satisfied ourselves that there is so much work in the world to do, can we not say with one voice, let us go out into the world, and for the service of the

world, and for the service of those who brought our Society into being, do that work.

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We have unfortunately not received reports from all Sections but I will briefly survey those which have been submitted.

United States of America.—Membership in the Section stands at 5,637 active members.

In the Department of Education there has been a 41% increase in the loan of tape-visuals and films. This is a new venture to organizations other than theosophical. The Quest Radio Tape series has been launched, aimed at college radio stations with the purpose of projecting them to a young audience.

The Olcott Library has increased its circulation considerably and there are many more subscribers. During the year the T. P. H. at Wheaton increased its sales by 10%. The manager of the T.P.H. attended an international publishing conference at Huizen (The Netherlands), in September, and together with the managers of the other two main publishing houses and others, discussed many mutual problems.

Mr. John B. S. Coats, the International President, was guest speaker at all the T. S. camps during the summer, always a popular venue for members and particularly attractive to young people.

The Kern Foundation has given valuable support during the year by granting partial scholarships to members attending convention and summer schools. Several new programmes have been started to disseminate Theosophy.

The staff at Olcott comprises 35 resident members and approximately 20 non-residents. There has been a close community feeling in spite of the many changes which the election of a new National President usually brings. A most co-operative relationship has built up in

the many branches of work at Olcott, always a hive of activity.

England.—As the English Section lies on the route from America to India, a week of special meetings was organized to follow the World Congress in New York, in November, and a large number of visitors came to London from all over the world. At the request of the Section, the Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum arranged a display of the Mahatma Letters.

The Summer School of the English-speaking Region held at Cardiff had Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, as guest speaker. The Theosophical Bookshop has had a busy year supplying books all over the world. The bookshop is now a distribution agency for the whole of Britain. The turnover for the year is about £70,000.

There have been 300 new members but the total membership, due to many lapsings, shows an overall decrease and now stands at 2,182.

India.—The predominant events throughout the Section centred round the Society's Centenary. Many Federations published centenary issues of their journals. Several other publications included a new edition of *A Handbook of the Indian Section*. A number of radio broadcasts brought the Society to the public's notice, and many articles and news items were published in magazines. Various translations were brought out of classical theosophical literature in Bengali, Malayalam and Marathi. A number of study and training camps were held in Varanasi and in the Federations and these were greatly appreciated. The International President, Mr. John Coats, visited several large cities including Calcutta, Varanasi and Lucknow. The General Secretary made tours to several places and presided over Federation

conferences. The National Lecturer, Sri S. Krishnamurthy, visited 72 lodges and conducted six study seminars and camps. Dr. B. R. Mullik continued the expansion programme in the North-West and held a few study camps resulting in the formation of several new lodges in that area. The membership of the Section has increased by 474, standing now at 8,737. There are 358 lodges and 26 centres in the Section.

Australia.—In her report the General Secretary, Mrs. E. Murdoch, refers to the large delegation from Australia which attended the International Centenary Convention at Adyar and the Pacific Convention at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in January 1976, where, in principle, it was decided to form a Pacific Federation.

The Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, who was guest speaker at the Australian Centenary Convention at Kosciusko, later toured the Section visiting all the lodges. The General Secretary reports a re-examination of their programmes by many lodges to explore new methods of the presentation of Theosophy but she emphasizes the importance of the lodge libraries and bookshops.

Letters are sent to new members during the first 18 months of membership and this service is much appreciated. The regular weekly broadcasts have continued every Sunday and many requests for scripts have been received. The Quest Book Agency reports increased sales.

Membership of the Section stands at 1,331, a decrease of 299 over last year.

Sweden.—The Society's centenary was celebrated in Stockholm and Gothenborg by an exhibition on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in both towns. The exhibition in Gothenborg attracted over 4,000 people. There were also public lectures and a film show of "The Universal Flame." The Section, after 32 years, had to move its headquarters in Stockholm

and the new premises offer good facilities for bookshop, library and lecture room. The summer school at Gothenborg, with Mrs. Radha Burnier as guest speaker, attracted about 65 members and non-members. Several new pamphlets have been published and a reprint of H. P. Blavatsky's *Practical Occultism*. During the year 27 members have joined but taking into account lapsings, transfers and resignations the membership stands at 315.

New Zealand.—The 79th Annual Convention of the Section was held at Palmerston North and was attended by 125 members. Particular interest has been shown wherever the theosophical films were exhibited. Owing to the enthusiasm expressed, three more films have been purchased: "Unheard Melodies," "Biofeedback: The Yoga of the West" and "Hinduism and the Song of God." One new lodge, Motueka Lodge, was formed and one was obliged to close. Dunedin Lodge participated with 16 church and allied groups in a one-day "Religion Fair" during which they presented Theosophy to some 1,500 people. Thirty-six copies of *Reincarnation: An East-West Anthology* were donated to public libraries throughout the country. The Cassette Centre which has supplied 800 cassettes of T.S. lectures in the three years of its existence, continues to provide excellent service. Seven cassettes were offered as gifts to the Krotona Braille Institute for the Blind. Very good coverage was given to the Society's birth on radio and T.V. The Section magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*, has continued to receive favorable comment both within the country and overseas. Free distribution to public libraries has been extended and the circulation is in excess of 8,000. Display advertisements in newspapers and magazines have been well worthwhile as at least half of the new members joined

as a direct result of them. Two very attractive units were built on part of the Arundale Park property as a first step towards the new theosophical community centre. Membership has increased by 50. High admissions were unfortunately offset by lapsings, resignations and deaths.

The Netherlands.—The national centenary celebrations took place in the R.A.I. Congress building in Amsterdam with 300 members attending.

In November a discussion on a T.V. programme lasting one hour, under the title of "The Secret Doctrine," was given. On this public occasion and on others, various allied organizations were invited to participate. Four weekend conferences were organized by Besant Lodge at Huizen providing an open platform for representatives from various spiritual movements. These conferences were attended by 150-200 people and resulted in an increase in the lodge membership from 50 to 75. Membership in the Section remain about 1,000.

France.—The membership rose from 1,377 to 1,400 and the number of lodges from 44 to 47. Many members participated in the Summer School at Territet (Switzerland). Editions Adyar published the translation of several theosophical books including *The Key To Theosophy* and *Old Dairy Leaves* (1st Series). *Le Lotus Bleu* continues to be the official organ of the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections.

Italy.—There are now 23 groups with more than seven members and three study centres with less than seven.

During the year 80 new members have been admitted but with many lapsings and deaths there is an overall decrease of 43 leaving a total membership of 596.

The magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* published regularly through the year has now almost 700 subscribers including 200 non-members. An Italian edition of

Leadbeater's work *The Chakras* has been published and given a good reception by parapsychological writers.

Cuba.—This year ended with the same number of active lodges, namely 19, as before. The number of members is 430. All lodges organized special activities which still continue to give rise to enthusiasm.

Finland.—The General Secretary writes that after the centenary meetings held in the major cities and the showing of T.S. films in many places, she was able to attend with 12 other members the international centenary celebrations at Adyar and later in the year in September she participated in the Theosophical Publishing House Conference at Huizen. The membership stands at about 470.

Southern Africa.—The General Secretary reports a decrease in membership of 17 leaving a total of 378. The Convention of this Section, held in Cape Town, was well attended and the activities throughout the Section continue much as in previous years.

Belgium.—The General Secretary attended the World Congress in New York. The annual meeting of the Latin countries was organized this year by the Belgian Section. The average attendance at public lectures was 35. The membership stands at 262 which includes 19 new members.

Indonesia.—The Annual Convention was attended by the Recording Secretary, Dr. (Mrs.) Jean Raymond, as guest speaker. The Presidential Agent reports that the sale of theosophical books is improving—ten sets of *The Secret Doctrine* being sold out in one month in a well-known bookshop in Jakarta.

Burma.—The report from this Section tells of the translation and publication of books and pamphlets and the welcome gift of valuable books. The Section shows an increase in membership of 32 and it now stands at 112.

Austria.—This year was one of effective work in the Section with particular emphasis on workshops and discussion groups rather than lectures. More young people attended the public meetings than in former years. The Summer School for the German-speaking region at Pichl was attended by 78 members from seven different countries. The International President was present during the whole period. The membership remains about the same, namely 240.

Norway.—There are some lodge meetings in Trondheim and Bergen but theosophical activities need to be rejuvenated as the General Secretary states in her annual report.

Denmark.—In May, at the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Hardy Bennis was elected General Secretary. In his first report he sounds very optimistic as the past year has been one of considerable activity resulting in the creation of a new lodge called Arundale Lodge in Copenhagen. There are now 16 lodges in Denmark. The membership has increased this year by 51 giving a total of 380 members.

Canada.—A desirable action was finalized in May 1976, when the Section received letters patent authorizing its incorporation under the laws of Canada and making the Society a legal entity.

They hope that as they move the Annual General Meeting from centre to centre, these meetings will become the occasion for a Convention. The first meeting, was held in Victoria.

Assisted by a fund set up several years previously to help members to attend the centenary celebrations, a number of members attended the World Congress in New York. The Centenary issue of *The Canadian Theosophist* was well received.

A project started over ten years ago to place theosophical books in University

Libraries has resulted in several hundred volumes being distributed. The last being offered was *From the Caves and Jungles of Hindostan* by H.P. Blavatsky. A copy of the first volume of the collected writings of William Q. Judge, entitled *Echoes of the Orient*, has been given to the library of each lodge in the Section.

Argentina.—During the year there were 83 new members and the total membership stands now at 893. All the lodges held special celebrations for the Centenary. The activities continued with enthusiasm for several weeks. Many young people were present and the sale of theosophical books reached a record level. The World President was the guest speaker at the Summer School and he also opened the Annual Congress, and visited a number of lodges.

Chile.—Increasing numbers of people attend the theosophical lectures and there has been interest and good coverage by the media of radio and press but the membership has not increased. There are in the Section some members who have affiliated to the St. Michael Centre at Huizen (The Netherlands) and they have formed into a group. Work is concentrated at present in Santiago and Valparaiso.

Brazil.—The membership in this Section has increased to 1,024, with 38 lodges and two centres, and many active groups of young theosophists. A great achievement was the publication in Portuguese of *The Secret Doctrine* translated by Senhor Raymundo Sobral. The edition of 3,000 copies was exhausted in three months, showing an interest not only by members but by the general public.

The Section published a special centenary issue of *O Teosofista* with more than 100 pages. A delegation of 48 members headed by the General Secretary, Dr. Murillo Nuñez de Azevedo, attended the Centenary Convention at Adyar.

They were given a special audience in New Delhi by the Indian Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi, and at Adyar by H.H. the Dalai Lama of Tibet who lectured at the Convention.

An interesting development in the Section has been the visit to the platform of the Society of members of various faiths including Roman Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist and Spiritualist, and the General Secretary has been invited to lecture in many churches, monasteries and synagogues.

Spain.—The membership stands at 250 and seems to be tending to increase. It is good to hear that 200 copies of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation magazine *America Teosofica* reach the members from South America and that other Spanish-speaking countries also send them theosophical publications. A group of 15 members were able to attend the Pays Latins Summer School. For the young members it was a great joy to have the opportunity of meeting other young theosophists freely for the first time since the Spanish civil war, at a gathering in Barcelona at the end of October. The chairman of the European Federation, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, was the guest speaker. About 100 people, mostly young, attended.

Portugal.—There has been little change during the year. The translation into Portuguese of the lectures at the Summer School in Brussels was a great help to members not speaking French or English. There are the same number of lodges (13) as before. Membership now stands at 260.

Wales.—The General Secretary reports that the membership although not increasing is fairly satisfactory. The founding of a new lodge in Anglesey with a membership of 14 was an important happening in the Section.

Uruguay.—Señor Justo V. de la Vega, General Secretary, reports a membership

of 190 with 36 new members, but there have been 26 lapsings, mostly members who have gone to live abroad. The Library has played a very active part in the activities of the Section; *The Secret Doctrine* and books dealing with nature being most in demand. Four members attended the World Congress in New York and the Centenary International Convention at Adyar.

Puerto Rico.—The translation from English to Spanish of radio talks has continued. This is important work. The Section review *Heraldo Teosofico* is well known through Latin America. Three dissolved lodges were re-organized as one called "La Voz del Silencio".

Yugoslavia.—There was an increase in membership of 11. This now stands at 100. The Annual Convention was held in Zagreb in May, attended by 37 members. The Section has planned to issue a magazine called *Teozof*. The General Secretary attended the New York World Congress, the Centenary Convention at Adyar and toured through India.

Greece.—The translation into Greek of Irving Cooper's book *Reincarnation* was an important happening. Also this year the magazine *Ilissos* attained its 21st year. There are five active lodges in the Section. The membership stands at 237.

Central America.—Four members from Costa Rica attended the World Congress in New York. From the reports of all the countries in Central America the arrival of the International President, Mr. John B.S. Coats, evoked great enthusiasm. The Guatemala members record their gratitude to the Australian Theosophical Order of Service for the valuable help given them after the terrific earthquake in February.

The Philippines.—Owing to the difficulty in obtaining travel permits only five members were able to attend the World Congress and only two the International

Centenary Convention at Adyar. By courtesy of a T.V. organization, "The Universal Flame" was featured in the "Renaissance Hour" on Christmas Day. Some 32 tapes from the American Section Education Department were ordered to help some of the far-away lodges. Another feature introduced was a series of monthly letters to new members, again with the assistance of the American section. There are now 20 lodges and two study centres. The membership registers a slight increase and now stands at 297.

Columbia.—New bylaws for the Columbian Section have been approved and new ways of work which permit more expansion have been organised. The educational department is very active throughout the year and many study groups have continued to probe more deeply into theosophical teachings.

East and Central Africa.—The present membership is 1,097 as against 1,113 last year. The reason for the decline is the increase in members leaving the country. The annual convention had as its guest speaker Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Presidential Agent for Pakistan, who toured the lodges in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia giving 160 talks including public lectures, T. V., press and radio interviews.

Pakistan.—The work in this Presidential Agency is centred in four main cities but chiefly in Karachi which has a membership of 96. The Agency records its thanks to the T. P. H. Wheaton for the regular donation of new publications to the Karachi Theosophical Society Library.

Northern Ireland.—The membership stands at 38. Considering the problems and difficulties owing to the political situation here the Federation has carried on manfully and even managed to appear in the local newspaper when a very informative article by Dr. Hugh Shearman entitled "One Hundred Years of Human

Experience" was published. Also a 20-minute theosophical talk was broadcast through Radio Ulster in November at the time of the centenary celebrations.

Canadian Federation.—The editor of the Federation magazine has incorporated two pages of French together with the usual English bringing together these two different language groups. This is good news and it is hoped more such moves will ensue. All lodges report steady work done. The number of members stands at 142 with 16 admissions.

European Federation.—The chairman reports that the next European congress will take place in 1978—not 1977 as previously contemplated—at Swanwick, England from 14 to 21 July, but the English Regional Summer School will take place this coming year from 30 July to 6 August 1977.

During the year the Chairman has visited many of the Sections as well as North Ireland where the group has many difficulties to overcome, but the lively and enthusiastic members are full of new ideas and determination to carry on.

Inter-American Theosophical Federation.—The President of the Federation attended the Theosophical Publishing Houses Conference at Huizen, The Netherlands, as representative of the Latin American Sections and main editor in Spanish. Mr. John B. S. Coats visited most of the Sections for the first time as International President. In spite of difficulties caused by inflation, the translation of theosophical books into Spanish is going on continuously.

Lodges attached to Adyar:

Peru.—During the year the H.P.B. Lodge held 96 meetings. The International President visited Peru and gave two public lectures and held meetings with members. The Library of H.P.B. Lodge is now open to the public twice a week which has led to increased interest. Paz

y Amor Lodge has met fairly regularly during the year.

Israel.—The H. P. Blavatsky Lodge for new immigrants from Russia, although small in number, continues to maintain interest by advertising in a Russian-language newspaper. The President, Mr. John Coats, met members of Harmony Lodge in Tel-Aviv.

He also visited Covenant Lodge, whose members met together with those of other lodges in October, a useful contact. Some members were able to attend the Centenary Convention at Adyar.

Bangladesh.—Comilla Lodge is one of the oldest lodges, established in 1889. It lost its building during the disturbance in 1971 but recently after strenuous efforts this has been returned to the Lodge in a very dilapidated condition: all the furniture and fittings and almost all the books had disappeared. The Lodge is grateful for the donations and help given to it in its need.

Singapore.—We record the great loss to the Lodge of its energetic President, Mr. Chan Chim Lim, to whom many tributes were paid not only from lodge members but from the many transient visitors to Singapore to whom he showed unfailing kindness and help.

The Adyar Library and Research Centre.—In April Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar was appointed curator. During the year a new publication, *Ramanuja on the Yoga*, by Dr. Robert C. Lester, Prof. of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, was released as Adyar Library Series No. 106. A revised edition of K. F. Leidecker's *Sanskrit: Essentials of Grammar and Language* was brought out in the Adyar Library General Series No. 5. In the Manuscripts Register 2,976 entries were made during the year completing the work undertaken in 1960. Every MS. in the Library has been examined and cards made for every work in the manuscripts. The

Library records 454 readers, 181 resident cum borrowers, 176 borrowers from the city and 22 braille borrowers; 6,230 persons used the Library; 23,147 books and 6,361 MSS. were consulted; 6,144 books and 5 MSS. were loaned out. An increasing number of research students use the Library, including students and professors from the Madras University and other colleges in the city, and during the vacation months, an increasing number of research fellows from other Indian universities. 2,240 books have been added mostly from gifts and the Library also thanks those who have given donations so generously.

The Theosophical Publishing House—Adyar.—An important feature of the work was the international Theosophical Publishing House Conference held at Huizen, The Netherlands, in September at which delegates of most theosophical publishing houses were present and for the first time the interests of the non-English groups were represented. Matters such as the presentation of Theosophy through books, through *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter*, costs of production and greater co-operation between the various publishing interests were considered. A Government of India import license has been obtained for the Society which will enable it to import a greater number of books from associated publishing houses. Due to the centenary celebrations the T.P.H. had the largest turnover of sales in its history—over five lakhs. *The Theosophist* appeared in its new format in October, and during the year, from October to March, five special numbers were issued and can now be obtained in one volume. The *Adyar Newsletter* has also had a new format since May 1975 and contains information not only of Adyar but of work going on round the world. A centenary calendar showing coloured views of Adyar was issued. During the

year were published seven new books including three of Dr. Taimni and one of Mr. G. Hodson, and 32 reprints of classical theosophical books.

Vasanta Press.—A major part of the first phase of the Press modernization scheme approved by the General Council in January 1974 has been completed, thanks largely to the American Section, which took the initiative and helped us in financing the project together with gifts from other countries.

Since the installation of the offset machine and plate making equipment, the Press has been able to produce 23 books, (T.P.H. 15, Adyar Library 7, Danish edition of *Light on the Path*) and 3 publicity pamphlets in French.

At the International Publishing Conference at Huizen in September this year Adyar offered to help the non-English Sections in reprinting theosophical literature in their languages. As a result, Adyar Verlag has already sent the German Edition of *Art as Will & Idea* by C. Jinarājadāsa for reprinting on offset.

Treasury.—The General Council at its meeting held at Adyar, on 30th December 1975, constituted two Finance Advisory Committees, a local one to co-operate with the Treasurer in periodic review of accounts and in drawing up the Annual Budget; and an international one to keep under review the financial resources of the World Society and to advise the General Council on financial matters affecting the international work of the World Society. Though the international Committee could not meet during the year, the local one met generally twice a month and we had the advantage of a detailed examination by it of our Annual Accounts for 1975-76 and Budgets for 1976-77 and 1977-78. A process of stricter budgetary control is being introduced, the effect of which will be reflected in the future accounts of the Society.

Kotagiri Seminars.—During May, the Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, assisted by Miss Marion Caws, held seminars in Kotagiri under great difficulties owing to the extreme water shortage. The theme of the two seminars was "The Nature and Growth of Consciousness" and the number attending was about fifteen, the majority from India.

Besant Theosophical High School—Adyar.—It had always been the intention of Dr. G. S. Arundale, 3rd President of the Society, that the Besant High School would eventually function on its own lands and premises. This intention was carried out on June 30th, 1976 when the School moved from Damodar Gardens to its own buildings in Tiruvanmiyur.

International Tours.—The tours I have made this year have taken me through many Sections of our theosophical world.

In October 1975, the centenary celebrations in Pakistan were held at which I was guest speaker. From there to Mexico and the U.S.A. for the World Congress (already reported at length), on to London for the centenary celebrations, back to Bombay, Delhi and finally Adyar in time for the Centenary Convention. In February, I undertook a 6 weeks' tour of North and Central India returning to Adyar early in March. I left again on April 1st for a six months' lecture tour of the Americas and Europe (where I attended the T. P. H. Conference at Huizen, Holland), passing through Sri Lanka and South Africa *en route* for South America. I returned to Adyar on September 27th, visiting also Austria and Israel.

The Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, was guest-speaker at the Pacific Convention in Kuala Lumpur in January 1976 and the Australian Centenary Convention at Kosciusko. She toured all of the lodges and centres in Australia returning to Adyar on March 24th.

Later in the year, in September, she participated in the T. P. H. Conference at Huizen and also visited Germany and England.

The Recording Secretary, after spending a short holiday in Australia, returned to India via Indonesia where she was guest speaker at their Centenary Convention. She had a stopover in Singapore and paid a short visit to the Lodge.

Mrs. Radha S. Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, attended the World Congress in New York in November 1975 and the T. P. H. Conference at Huizen, The Netherlands, in September, 1976. She was guest-speaker at Summer Schools in Denmark, Sweden, Germany; the English-speaking Regional Summer School in Cardiff, Wales, in August; and the *Pays Latins* Summer School held in Territet, Switzerland. She also spoke in Brussels, Belgium, and on her way back to Adyar at the Theosophical Society in Bombay, Baroda and Ahmedabad.

Srimati Rukmini Devi attended the World Congress in New York in the U.S.A.

Miss Marion Caws, Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* and Editor of the *Adyar Newsletter* went to Kuala Lumpur for the Pacific Convention in January, 1976, as Secretary to Mr. S. Narayanan, Presidential Agent for Malaysia. Following the Convention she also visited Penang and Singapore.

More than Seventy Years' Membership.—I am happy to record that Miss Florence Radcliffe of Adelaide Lodge, Australia, who joined the Society in November 1902, is now entering her 75th year of membership and at 94 is still attending some meetings. Also at Adyar, known to many, Dick Balfour-Clarke, now 92, has been a member for 72 years.

Staff Changes.—During the temporary absence of Dr. (Mrs). Jean Raymond

and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, who were on leave, Mrs. Joan Patterson and Mr. A. B. Patel were appointed Recording Secretary and Treasurer respectively. On 1st April Mr. R. Gopalaratnam was appointed the first General Manager of the Adyar Estate under the new reorganization. Mrs. Win McAlpin was appointed manageress of the Kotagiri properties in January 1976. In the Maintenance Department, Mr. Jack Patterson became Acting Superintendent in January, 1976, on the departure of Mr. H. Edgar and he remained in that position until he left Adyar in April when Mr. C. Seshadri took on the work. Mr. Kenneth Cantrell replaced Mrs. J. Jayawardene as Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers in August and Mr. V. R. Manickam was appointed Superintendent of the Laundry in June. Mr. K. Meenakshisundaram replaced Mr. T. Jayawardene as Superintendent in the Garden Department in August.

Deaths.—I have to record with regret the passing of a number of our members of long standing: Señor Armando Sales, several times General Secretary of Brazil, who was the founder of the Theosophical Raja Centre in Sao Paulo. Also Señor Nazareno E. Rimini, General Secretary in Argentina for many years and an ever dependable and capable worker. Singapore Lodge sustained a great loss in the passing of its president, Mr. Chan Chim Lim, known and remembered by many members passing through this international city. I may also mention Mr. Ian Mitford Barberton of Cape Town, well known in art circles with an international reputation as a sculptor as well as for his theosophical work, who died in July. He was General Secretary of the Southern Africa Section from 1955 to 1958 and was active until his illness in 1972. Last year, Mr. Dudley W. Barr, former General Secretary of the Canadian Section and Editor of *The Canadian Theosophist*,

passed away on his 80th birthday. He had been a member for 57 years and an active worker in the Toronto Lodge and the Section.

Islamic Association.—The membership now stands at 86. Apart from lectures which included those given by Mrs. Gool Minwalla and Mr. Rohit Mehta, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy has held study classes on the holy *Quran*. Dr. Hakim published at his own expense a booklet entitled *Islam and Sufism in the Light of Theosophy*. With a grant from the Non-English Publications Fund an Arabic edition of *At the Feet of the Master* was also published.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—In last year's Presidential Address, I mentioned my intention to re-activate the international centre of the Theosophical Order of Service. This was done in October, 1975 with the appointment of Miss G. Koopman as co-ordinating Secretary. She brings out, at regular intervals, a T.O.S. bulletin with information received from many groups scattered around the world.

International Theosophical Youth Centre.—The International Theosophical Youth Centre is a co-ordinating centre at Adyar, with the object of stimulating integrated activity throughout the Theosophical Society. Its activities include: collecting names to be published in the All India Directory; establishing a communication network of contact people in each country; commencing publication of a *Newsletter* using its information; sponsoring tours in India, Europe and South America (this stimulated much interest including in the media and resulted in the formation of new youth groups); running a coffee house at Adyar with organized talks and entertainment and a yoga course. The Dutch section has formed a National Branch, and a craft fair was held in U.S.A. to raise funds.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

INTRODUCTORY:

The period under review, commencing 1st April 1975 and ending 31st March 1976, witnessed the Centenary Celebrations of the Society and this largely accounts for the unprecedented increase in our annual deficit. The over-all deficit for the year was Rs. 699,152 as compared with Rs. 223,857 of the previous year.

There was a steep fall in interest earnings, amounting to Rs. 83,354, on account of encashment of Fixed Deposits representing the Century Fund, which was completely used up, as well as other Funds which had to be heavily drawn upon.

Part of the increase in deficit is accounted for by the fact that during the previous year income from sale of scrap materials and a car accounted for Rs. 79,700 as against miscellaneous sales of only Rs. 3,550 this year.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

Departmental results showed a net increase in deficit of Rs. 127,900 of which the Adyar Library accounted for Rs. 28,075, Bhojanasala Rs. 23,619, Garden Department Rs. 38,913, and Leadbeater Chambers Rs. 54,823. The Maintenance Department showed a deficit less than the previous year's by Rs. 11,705. The Theosophical Publishing House and the Vasanta Press showed increased surpluses of Rs. 3,528 and Rs. 1,075 respectively.

1. **Adyar Library:** "Sale of Publications" was less by Rs. 11,978 which is attributed to a number of popular titles being out of print. Quite a few were reprinted by offset process, now available in the Vasanta Press, but this was found expensive, increasing the cost of publications. The Library Bulletin for 1974 and 1975 were both released during the year, which accounts for part of the increased cost of publications. The deficit on "Publications Account" was Rs. 14,780 and the net over-all deficit was Rs. 112,031 as against Rs. 83,957 of the previous year. Air-conditioning cost was double as both the units worked almost the whole year. Other increases were under "Lamination and Binding" and "Salaries and Wages."

2. **Bhojanasala:** Expenditure under milk, provisions, fuel and vegetables amounted to Rs. 80,367 against a total mess income of Rs. 59,011 only and there was an increase in "Salaries and Wages" of Rs. 4,051. The net deficit was Rs. 45,663 as against the previous year's Rs. 22,045.

3. **Garden Department:** "Cultivation Account" showed a shortfall in income of Rs. 27,562 in spite of an increase of Rs. 1,089 under paddy and Rs. 1,520 under sapotas. The main decrease was Rs. 23,735 under cocoanuts and Rs. 5,110 under mangoes and this is attributed to drought conditions generally. The total deficit of the year amounted to Rs. 79,561 as against the previous year's Rs. 40,648.

4. **Laundry:** The increase in collections of Rs. 4,002 under "Laundering Charges" is offset by the increase in expenditure under the head "Salaries and Wages" Rs. 2,373 and "Washing Materials," etc. Rs. 912. The current year's deficit stood at Rs. 8,750 as against the previous year's Rs. 8,523.

5. **Leadbeater Chambers:** Expenditure on food (milk, provisions, fuel and vegetables) amounted to Rs. 67,448 against a mess income of Rs. 46,175 only. Increase in "Salaries and Wages" was Rs. 7,534. A sum of Rs. 26,250 has been written off as depreciation on new furnishings. Including this, the annual deficit this year was Rs. 82,183 against the previous year's Rs. 27,360.

6. **Maintenance Department:** The current year's deficit is less by Rs. 11,705 as compared with the last year's deficit of Rs. 84,777.

7. **The Theosophical Publishing House:** Gross profit on sales during the year amounted to Rs. 202,503 against the previous year's Rs. 188,310. This does not include sale of Centenary Calendars and other souvenirs. The excess of income over expenditure was Rs. 65,774 after allocating Rs. 15,000 each to "H. P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve" and "Publications Reserve (Special)".

"The Theosophist" account showed a deficit of Rs. 61,851, of which Rs. 48,928 represented deficit on five special Centenary Souvenir issues. The deficit on "The Theosophist" is not included in the Income and Expenditure account but taken direct to the Balance Sheet of the Theosophical Publishing House.

8. **Vasanta Press:** The gross income was Rs. 208,328 against the previous year's Rs. 164,306. The net excess of income over expenditure, however, amounted to only Rs. 2,523 mainly because of depreciation charges amounting to Rs. 107,801 as compared with the previous year's Rs. 55,813. The increase was due to depreciation on new machinery.

A review of expenditure on other than special Departments shows the following substantial increases: "Dispensary" Rs. 4,224; "Light and Water" Rs. 9,310; "Museum and Archives" Rs. 5,253; "Postage, Telegrams and Telephones" Rs. 6,498; "Printing and Stationery" Rs. 8,918; "Repairs and Renewals" Rs. 39,280; "Retirement Allowance" Rs. 4,873; "Salaries and Wages" Rs. 30,665; "Sanitation" Rs. 5,531; "Taxes" Rs. 59,012; and "Watch and Ward" Rs. 17,216.

The abnormal increase in Taxes is due to heavy increase in the rates charged on quinquennial revision, which was levied retrospectively as from 1973-74 and arrears of taxes had to be paid for the previous two years. The present taxes amount to approximately Rs. 36,500 per annum.

All the increases in expenditure have been carefully scrutinized by the Finance Committee and discussed at the meetings of the Executive Committee and remedial action is being taken wherever necessary.

BALANCE SHEET:

1. **A.B.C.Fund:** The Society depends much on the revenue from this Fund for its ever increasing annual recurring expenditure and as donations to this Fund are fully exempt from income tax it is requested that donations may, as far as possible, be earmarked for the corpus of this Fund. During the year the Fund showed a small increase from Rs. 2,157,424 to Rs. 2,167,357.

2. **Century Fund:** This Fund stood at Rs. 276,662 on 31st March 1975. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 74,297. The Fund was completely used up and closed during the Centenary year under review.

3. **General Fund:** Bequests of Rs. 28,817 and Fees and Dues amounting to Rs. 156,460 received during the year were credited to this Fund and the book value of lands in Sind, namely, Rs. 10,000, was written off as decided by the General Council. The heavy expenditure during the Centenary year was reflected in the reduction of the General Fund from Rs. 5,036,108 to Rs. 4,582,559.

ADYAR
17th November 1976

C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hon. Treasurer.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
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AGENTS, ETC.

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
Recording Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At the Convention, Mrs. Ann Wylie, as outgoing President, read the Annual Report and I then assumed the responsibility for the new administration with the able help of the Board and the Olcott staff.

With my assuming office many changes began and are still being carried out. Mrs. Ann Wylie, our present Vice-President, having given thirty-eight devoted years of service to the Society, left for Ojai to assume the Vice-Presidency of the Krotona Institute. Mrs. Virginia Hanson, our versatile senior editor of the Theosophical Publishing House and *The American Theosophist* also left after many years of service to live at Krotona. These two departures left a very big gap.

Mrs. Virginia Hanson's place as senior editor was filled by Mrs. Rosemarie Stewart who has carried on very ably. Mrs. Stewart has been most helpful to the Society in other ways since she has had many years experience in editing and in public relations before coming to Olcott.

The main thrust of the Society's energy here at Olcott during the last six months of 1975 was devoted to preparations for the Centenary Celebrations in New York City and some followup work afterwards. Among those who worked very hard in this was Miss Carin Citroen, who acted as Registrar for the Centenary. Since returning from New York she has been working to bring order to our Olcott archives.

Field Work.—Very little has been done in the field this year. Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNiece were fully occupied getting the New York Centenary Convention on

the way. In the fall of 1975 Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt went on a short lecture tour through the Ohio Federation. Mr. and Mrs. Gephardt left Olcott early in 1976 to retire in Mississippi. We miss their cheerful presence and we are grateful for their many years of devoted service to the Society.

After the Centenary in New York, an emergency arose in the Quest Bookshop in Wheaton—Mrs. Zella Balch Orfilla left for Adyar to do similar work there. Beverly McNiece took over the management of the bookshop until April 1976, when Cheryl Robinson replaced her. Meanwhile, Pete McNiece was invaluable when he assumed the supervision of building maintenance. In April the McNieces were able to go to the Southeast Federation's annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. They also visited several centres with a successful presentation of the film, *The Ultimate Mystery*.

Joyce and Doss McDavid, under the sponsorship of the Texas Federation and the National Society, continued the Texas Grassroots Programme during the fall of 1975.

Dr. Ruth Carter continued her regional work in the Gulf Coast area. Centred in Pensacola, she has been giving most generously of her energies in the hope of spreading Theosophy in the south.

Ann Wylie and I attended the Michigan Federation in Ann Arbor last fall. In May I went to San Antonio, Texas to attend a three-day Texas Federation meeting and to dedicate the new San Antonio Centre on which Marion and Lena Lee have been working so hard for the last few months

and which they hope will open its doors in January as a regional Theosophical Centre.

The National Board sponsored a new project called the Northwest Regional Coordination Experimental Programme. The Seattle Branch, which is the centre of this experiment, has a fine bookshop and library and Miss Linda Jo Pym from Seattle was appointed co-ordinator.

The original goals of the Northwest Regional Coordination Experiment were to:

1. Improve the quality of organization and programme offerings throughout the Northwest Federation.
2. Improve communication and co-operation among branches, study centres, members-at-large, the Orcas Island Foundation, and National Headquarters.
3. Provide training for personnel of each particular branch and study centre.
4. Increase awareness of the principles of Theosophy in the local areas.

The goals were to be accomplished by means of a series of workshops; by the organization of programme offerings in the various branches and study centres; by the circulation of information among members and headquarters; and by telephone contacts between branches and the regional co-ordinator. Membership in the experiment was voluntary and open to all T.S. affiliated groups in the Northwest Federation.

Other Projects in Progress.—To increase our use of "in-house" resources, participating groups are sending in lists of resource people available through their own group so that other groups may make use of them.

There has been expressed a need for more information on programmes available through the National Education Committee so that more effective use in public programming can be made of

them. This has led to the idea of a regional clearing house. More follow-up will be necessary to get this idea going.

The American Theosophist.—William W. Quinn, Jr. was appointed editor of *The American Theosophist* last July by the Board of Directors.

The American Theosophist continues to be issued on a monthly basis, providing a medium for the dissemination of official news, policy decisions, and information of general interest, as well as articles bearing on the theosophical philosophy. In addition, the magazine serves as a channel for members to express *their* views, through Letters to the Editor, Issues and Comments, special features, and articles. As usual, ten regular issues and two special issues were published during the fiscal year.

Many changes and innovations have been made relative to *The American Theosophist* during the 1975-76 fiscal year. New covers were designed for both the regular and special issues. Other changes in the format and innovations in procedure have generally been welcomed by the members and readers.

The "special" Special Issue of Fall 1975, marking the centennial of The Theosophical Society, had as its title "Theosophy: Seed of Synthesis." The Spring 1976 Special Issue was entitled "The Feminine Principle".

Discovery.—The Editor of *The American Theosophist*, William W. Quinn, Jr., has concluded his third year as Editor of *Discovery*. Used primarily to reach the public, *Discovery* is employed by many branches and study centres for the publication of their monthly programmes. With the high cost of printing we found that the Society is sustaining a financial loss of about \$3000 in a fiscal year. A letter has been sent to the branch presidents to ask if they would be willing to pay 2c per copy. If there is a positive

response to this question, we will continue to print *Discovery*.

Department of Education.—Mr. Jerry Rosser is the Chairman of the Department of Education which serves the members of the Society in many ways. During the past year the Department of Education has continued to provide learning materials to the branches, study centres, members and public; sponsor workshops and seminars; and develop the educational programmes and projects.

Marie Minor has continued her dependable work as Secretary of the Department. James Person has continued his efficient work in the Department in the areas of audiovisual maintenance, tape copying and editing, processing of correspondence course applications, the Theosophical Publishing House Cassette Project, and the Quest Radio Series. Felix Layton continues as the Senior Correspondence Course Advisor. Bridget Paget is currently in charge of the Letters to New Members programme.

Audiovisual materials continue to be one of the main channels for communicating the concepts of theosophy to our members. Marie Minor reports that audiovisual materials were sent out for 1,080 programmes, an increase of 3% over the previous year. There was a small increase in the number of tapes used and a 31% increase in the use of films. The increase in film use is probably due to the fact that two new films were added during the past year. One of the new films, *Unheard Melodies*, was actually produced in 1960. The other film added was the short (7½ minute) promotional film produced by Hartley Productions entitled *A Glimpse At the Theosophical Society in America*.

The Resource Catalogue has a listing of all of the learning materials available from the Department of Education. These Catalogues are made available

free of charge to each new member who requests one.

Cassette tapes sold by the Theosophical Publishing House represent the best of the tapes the Society has in regard to sound quality and quality of content. They also represent a good cross section of theosophical subjects and speakers. During the past year eight tapes were added to the series: *Some Reflections on Yoga* by Clara Codd; *The Serpent Fire and the Powers Latent in Man* by Geoffrey Hodson; *The Science of Meditation* by Geoffrey Hodson; *The Process of Meditation* by Clara Codd; *Occult Ecology* by Richard Brooks; *Are There Perfected Men on Earth* by Geoffrey Hodson; *New Age Discipleship* by Geoffrey Hodson; *The Evolution of Consciousness* by N. Sri Ram.

During the past year the Department of Education was a sponsor or co-sponsor of four workshops, three of which were held at Olcott, and one held at The Krotona Institute of Theosophy. The workshop co-sponsored with Krotona Institute focused on the theme of "New Methods of Communicating Theosophy" and was conducted by Jerry Rosser and William Quinn August 4-7, 1975.

The annual Spring Training Workshop was held at Olcott April 6-9. It was conducted by Jerry Rosser and Dora Kunz. Its purpose was to provide training for theosophical workers in methods of studying and teaching theosophy, of building and maintaining group consciousness, and in techniques of public relations. Held in conjunction with this Workshop was the Seminar on "Theosophy—Public Relations and the Media." This Seminar was held at Olcott April 9-10 for the purpose of examining the relationship of the Society to the mass media, the public image of the Society, and what can be done to improve them. It was coordinated by George Koch, Dora Kunz, Peter and Beverly McNiece, and Rosemarie Stewart.

"The Platonic Tradition in Theosophy" was the theme of a weekend Seminar held at Olcott, May 21 and 22. It was coordinated by Dr. Renee Weber and Michael Sellon.

The distribution programme for the Quest Films was significantly changed during the past year. The Society decided to begin distribution of its own films to the public, retaining the services of Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc. only for film distribution to television stations. In time, we expect the film distribution programme to become self-sufficient. We are even hopeful that the activity can produce enough income to pay for the production of future Quest films.

The new National Education Committee consists of Dr. David Rodier as chairman, Jerry Rosser, Dora Kunz, John Kern, Dr. Renee Weber, Dr. Dolores Krieger, John Kunz, and John Abbenhouse. Most of the members of this committee are in the field of education.

Theosophical Camp Workshop/Seminars.—The Department of Education again cooperated with the various theosophical camps in planning and assisting the theosophical programmes.

The workshop held at the Ozark Theosophical Camp was a "Retreat on *The Voice of the Silence*" conducted by Joy Mills. The workshop at Pumpkin Hollow Farm was conducted by Dr. David Rodier on *Isis Unveiled*. At Far Horizons Theosophical Camp the workshop was on "Building Group Consciousness" and was conducted by Jerry Rosser. Dr. David Rodier again conducted the workshop at Camp Indralaya on the subject of "Gnosticism."

National Radio Work.—In July 1975, the National Board of Directors established a new National Radio Committee to administer the National Radio Fund, to re-evaluate all national radio programme and funding policies, and to make any

recommendations to the Board relative to radio work in general.

The Foundation for Radio Theosophy in Ojai, California, which was carrying on the work of distributing the lecture tapes, became faced with a storage cost problem. Consequently, in the fall of 1975 all the tapes were transferred to Wheaton, and they are now being distributed by the Department of Education. The radio booklets—transcripts of the taped talks which are sold to inquirers—are also distributed from headquarters.

Five member groups—in Atlanta, Houston, Ojai, Orlando, and Tampa—continue to sponsor radio broadcasts in their respective areas, using the lecture tapes. These five groups received 50% support from the National Radio Fund for their programmes, a total of \$3,504. 83 for the 1975-76 fiscal year.

The National Radio Fund receives regular contributions from the Edith Gray Estate and occasional donations from other sources. Total income to the Fund for the 1975-76 fiscal year was \$ 6,487.35.

Aquarian Radio Teaching, Inc., a non-profit organization in Santa Barbara, distributes Radio Theosophy tapes free of charge to some fifty or more college radio stations.

Our new Quest Radio Series of 13 tapes, with music and quotations, produced to appeal to young people and for distribution to college and university progressive FM stations, has now been completed.

Department of Information.—Miss Frieda Yordy is in charge of the Department of Information, a department in which a tremendous amount of work is accomplished. Frieda is the first friendly face which meets visitors to Olcott and is asked many questions on many subjects. She also has the arduous duty of answering the phone and replying to inquiries. 5,916 form letters were sent out by the

department as well as 28,334 leaflets—5,833 were taken from the hall at Olcott which she supervises. 142 members joined the Society after getting the material from Frieda and corresponding with the department.

Olcott Library and Research Centre.—

Mrs. Dulcie Linton spent part of the year at Olcott and did a wonderful job of classifying our books. In September Anna and Frank Hall became co-directors of the Olcott Library and Research Centre. There have been many changes in the library. The Eastern Section has been relocated to an easily accessible section of the mezzanine. Study areas have been arranged at the rear of the first floor Western Section and near the second-floor seminar room.

During the past year, books loaned numbered approximately 3,000. Books loaned by mail accounted for 80% of the total number. Filing systems have been streamlined with the invaluable assistance of Cheryl Robinson. At the present time, we have 725 patrons in our active file.

We are working on a "Master List," a booklet of some 3,000 titles available through the library. Full bibliographical data will be given for works in the Eastern Section.

A cumulative library acquisitions fund has been inaugurated this year. Since library acquisitioning is regarded as an essential aspect of overall operations, we have endeavored to stimulate it accordingly. We have added over 350 new titles to the library collection.

Vietnamese War Relief.—During the last year we have received many donations to help Society members who were in refugee camps. During last summer we were able to bring to Olcott Tran Huu Hap Long and Tran Thanh Ba Ngo, two fine young Vietnamese men who came through the refugee camp in Pennsylvania.

Finance and the Kern Foundation.—

The Society received \$121,249.70 in donations and bequest—part of this is to be spent over the years on extending radio and broadcasting service and not for the general theosophical work. Members were very generous this year, for we are remitting to Adyar the sum of of \$8,402.58.

The Theosophical Investment Trust, which is the Section's principal financial arm, now holds funds in excess of \$978,671.22 in six capital accounts. As has been reported in earlier reviews of the financial position, the Membership Endowment Fund continues to grow steadily—thirty members having joined the plan in this fiscal year. There are now 358 active members on the list. Ten members who held endowment memberships are now deceased and a portion of the fund is thereby free from dues allocation, the interest realised being applied to the general support of the Society's work.

The growth of a great many of the programmes in the American Section has been greatly helped by the grants of the Kern Foundation. The Kern Foundation has supported the Quest Bookshops, lecture programmes, film production and distribution, workshops, seminars, and a total of twenty programmes for which we have received approximately \$258,275.00. This amount does not represent the full cost of the programmes. The rest comes from the Society's members and investment resources.

The Theosophical Publishing House.—

Mr. Clarence Pedersen, Manager of Production, Promotion and Marketing of Books, reports that book production continued at the level established within the last three years. Sixteen new books were released, eight in the fall of 1975 and eight in the spring of 1976. The titles of these books are: *Mastering the Problems*

of *Living*, *Meatless Recipes*, *The Process of Intuition*, *The Christ Life from Nativity to Ascension*, *Trust Yourself to Life*, *The Royal Road*, *The Peopling of the Earth*, *The Caves and Jungles of Hindostan*, *How to Live with the Stars*, *The Wheel of Rebirth*, *Some Unrecognized Factors in Medicine*, *The Call to the Heights*, *Creative Meditation and Multi-Dimensional Consciousness*, *And a Time to Die*, *The Fire of Creation* and *The Secret of Happiness*. One of the above titles, *The Caves and Jungles of Hindostan*, is not a Quest Book but was published through H. P. B. Special Publication Fund. Additionally, *The Universal Flame*, an Adyar publication, was bound by Wheaton and promoted through our regular channels.

In addition to these new releases, the following reprints were accomplished: *Gnosis or Ancient Wisdom in The Christian Scriptures* (title changed to *Gnosis and Christianity*), 2,000 copies; *Man Visible and Invisible*, 15,000 copies; *Science of Yoga*, 10,000 copies; *Thought Forms*, 15,000 copies.

During this fiscal year, it was decided to let the pamphlet *The Panorama of Immortality* go out of print. Twenty-four pamphlets on different aspects of Theosophy remain available. The following were reprinted: *The Gateway of Birth*, *H. P. Blavatsky*, *Reincarnation*, *Art of Meditation*, and *Power of Thought*.

We procured the services of a new advertising agency, replacing Wolf and Krautter. Our arrangement with this new agency, Rydzewski Advertising Agency, permits us to expand our coverage approximately 35% without increasing our advertising budget.

The promotion of the new Quest title *The Kiss* (August 1976) incorporates innovations for both areas of our operation. We are utilizing new and much more thorough advertising methods, and we are advertising a Quest book which is a

distinct departure from any of our previous publications insofar as format and literary style are concerned.

Additionally, because of the added advertising coverage, T.P.H. is in the process of organizing an advertising campaign directed to over 4,000 libraries in the United States. The first step in this programme will be the distribution to these libraries of our new fall 1976 dealer catalogue. Subsequently, the acquisition personnel of the libraries will be receiving bi-monthly advertising pieces from us. We hope, through this programme, to substantially increase our sales to libraries.

Our many established advertising and promotional programmes continue to be implemented. These include the engagement and management of a sales force to sell our books to bookstores; preparation, distribution and maintaining of a mail order list (such distribution includes a quantity to thirty-six branches and study centres for their mailing lists); organizing a "College Marketing Advertising" programme (we have two of our titles on a mobile unit that travels throughout the country, campus to campus, and professors examine the contents of the unit for possible class adoption of books); and participating in book exhibits such as the American Booksellers Association Exhibit in Chicago.

Quest Bookshops.—Since 1968 Quest Bookshops beginning with the Quest Bookshop of New York, have been what we might call branches of the Theosophical Publishing House. These bookshops have been the beneficiaries of the Kern Foundation to some extent. We hope this fiscal year there will be other Quest bookshops opening in different parts of the country.

Membership Department.—We have 5,673 active members, ninety-three branches, and fifty-seven study centres. Margery Parks has been in charge of the Membership

Department for many years and she is the most indefatigable worker in this exacting record-keeping work. In September, after twenty-two years, Margery will be retiring to take up residence—and more work, no doubt—in Ojai, California. Everyone at Olcott will miss her.

We are planning to put a small computer terminal in the Membership Department and the programming for this is under way. This will produce many changes both in personnel and method. It will be far easier to communicate with the members as we can do many more mailings by this method, and thus I feel that in the future there will be a closer tie between Headquarters and the membership.

Allied Activities.—Regular reports of the allied groups appear in *The American Theosophist* and their directors keep the members informed of their activities. The groups referred to are The Theosophical Book Gift Institute, The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, The Theosophical Order of Service with its several active departments, the Parents Theosophical Research Group, the American Federation of Young Theosophists, and the Krotona School of Theosophy.

Headquarters' Activities and Staff.—During the fall of 1975 Olcott was the host of many visitors. Our International President, John Coats, Miss Joy Mills who was there for quite some time as she was in charge of the Centenary programme, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Colonel and Mrs. Gopalaratnam, Mr. Swamy our International Treasurer, all from Adyar, were here to visit us. From New Zealand, Miss Cecelia Pollard, the Assistant General Secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came.

Jim and Kathrine Perkins were greeted with delight by the staff when they arrived at Olcott to be in their old home after

several years of absence. Mr. and Mrs. William Ross spent a week—Caroline, of course, is known to our many members, as she used to be our National Secretary.

The Centenary in New York offered another happy reunion of old friends from all over the world. I had the chance to meet the many General Secretaries who came to the Centenary and I met them again at the Council Meetings.

As elsewhere described, I also went to the Adyar Convention to attend the large General Council meetings.

During the year I have been in office it has been a difficult learning process as I was a stranger to the ways of Olcott. Mrs. Diane Burckes, our National Secretary, has been a very great help to me in this process and I am grateful to her and the other members of the staff who have helped me so much. Miss Clarice Richie, in charge of our Book-keeping Department, has always been willing to inform me about our financial affairs. Mr. Floyd Kettering, our Controller, has been a tower of strength in working with me on all financial aspects of the Society's undertakings.

Olcott, with its many departments, is a beehive of activities and it takes many hands to make it the beautiful place it is. Our working together is what makes Olcott have a very special atmosphere which we hope we can communicate to all who come to visit us.

This year we continued our weekly public activities in the fall. One of our most successful Thursday evening series was on "Living and Dying." This title was taken from a film we showed by Dr. Kubler-Ross. We had well over a hundred people attend this.

Mr. William Ross had a weekend seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*. He also gave a Sunday lecture on "Yoga and Art," and this was followed by Jim Perkins on the following Sunday with

a talk entitled "To Heaven and Earth Again."

In the spring, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Caddy from Findhorn gave us a public lecture which was attended by about two hundred people. We also had the pleasure of having them speak to the staff and a few friends. In the spring we resumed our weekly Thursday public sessions, with "Man's Relation to the Dynamic Universe." Both the fall and spring Thursday evening session were well attended by the public. We continue to use films which we find are a great drawing card. To our surprise, on one Sunday afternoon lecture we showed a film on Hinduism and we had fifty people come out in the middle of a snowstorm. We ended our season with a very successful seminar on "Plato and Theosophy" given by Dr. Renee Weber.

T. P. H. Operations.—Mr. Clarence Pedersen is in charge of publishing and Mr. Floyd Kettering is in charge of the distribution of the books and the Quest Bookshop in Wheaton. With the National Board's authorization, a computer was installed at T. P. H. in January 1976.

The Theosophical Publishing House has just completed another year of record sales. Sales increased for the year by approximately \$ 25,000, to a total of \$ 449,000. This represents an increase of almost 6%, a much better increase than last year's 3%. It can be seen that actual sales came very close to the projected budget of \$ 450,000 for the year.

ADDITIONAL REPORT

May-September 1976

In the summer of 1976 the Convention and Summer School of the American Section were held at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. John Coats was the principal

speaker and the subject matter under discussion and the experimental workshops dealt with the Third Object of the Theosophical Society. At the end of the same week in which the summer sessions were held, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Olcott at the national headquarters.

After twenty-one years we have a new head of the membership department in Mrs. Amy Sanderson, from England. Not much field work was carried out in the Section as there is a new emphasis on what are called the Regional Projects, where the Society is helping the membership in different regions to strengthen their public and members' programme. As this is a new undertaking two regions only have been appointed so far, one in the northwest and one in the northeast.

In the Department of Education there has been a 41% increase in the department's loans of tape-visuals and films. The department is constantly increasing its loan of films, which is a new venture for service to organizations other than theosophical branches.

In September 1976 an international publishing conference was held at Huizen in Holland presided over by John Coats and Joy Mills, and was attended by the managers of the three main publishing houses, and many countries and regions were represented by their General Secretaries. Many mutual problems were discussed and future publishing plans were worked out between the different publishing houses. As there was such a wide attendance and so many problems were discussed, the work of the publishing houses should greatly increase as a result of this conference.

Subscriptions to *The American Theosophist* continue to increase, but the leaflet *Discovery* has been discontinued.

Mr. John Coats was the principal guest at all the theosophical camps in the

summer—Pumpkin Hollow in the north-east, Far Horizons in California, Orcas Island in the northwest and the Ozark Camp in Arkansas. The theosophical camps are considered a part of the work of The Theosophical Society in America, particularly as they always attract young people.

In the fall a professional conference was held at Olcott for doctors and nurses on the subject of Energy Fields, and there was also a seminar which was open to the public and was attended by two hundred people.

The National Board of Directors approved the formation of a Media

Committee to help the different branches in the Society to gain a knowledge of how to use the media for the dissemination of theosophy locally and nationally. The Board also approved the formation of a research centre with its headquarters at the national headquarters.

The staff at Olcott, comprising about thirty-five resident members and approximately twenty non-residents, has worked closely with the National President and the National Secretary, and a close community feeling has developed.

DORA KUNZ,
General Secretary

ENGLAND

The earlier part of the year under review was dominated by preparations for the Centenary Celebrations. On November 17 a Centenary meeting was held at the Headquarters to link in thought with the gatherings in New York. As the English Section lies conveniently on the route from America to India, a week of special meetings was organized to follow the events in New York. Throughout this week (November 23-30) we were extremely happy to welcome to our Headquarters a large number of visitors from all over the world. The principal events of the week included an address to members by the President, special programmes by members of the Theosophical Research Centre, an excursion to Tekels Park, a public lecture by the Vice-President, an At Home by Blavatsky Lodge (the Lodge which H. P. B. helped to found) and an International Evening at which our visitors took the platform.

An enlarged edition of the Section magazine, *The Theosophical Journal*, was produced, and a beautiful Centenary

brooch-pendant was designed for us by a firm of badge-makers. At the request of the Section, the Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum graciously arranged a special display of the Mahatma Letters for the benefit of our visitors. Several members of the English Section attended the Celebrations in New York and at Adyar and contributed to the programmes in both places.

During the following months, the general activities in the Section resumed their normal pattern, with Seminars, Study Weekends and Public Lectures and classes. The themes of the residential weekends at Tekels Park included "The Yoga Way", "Outlook for the Future" (arranged by The Theosophical Research Centre) and "Living in Exile". Tekels Park also welcomed a weekend camp arranged by younger members. For the benefit of members in the North of the country, the Convention returned to Harrogate, with the theme "The Inwardness of Theosophy". The Summer School, held under the auspices of the English-speaking

Region, was privileged to have Mrs. Radha Burnier as Guest Speaker; it took place in Cardiff, with the theme "New Century—New Vision".

In spite of the addition of nearly 300 new members, the membership figures show an overall decrease, the total standing at 2,182. It is noted that the greatest number of lapsings occur during the first two years of membership, suggesting that many people are either only superficially attracted to some aspect of the Society's work, or that, if unable to attend meetings, they do not find enough to hold them and so lose interest.

The Tape Library continues to fulfil an important function and, with the transfer of many of the recordings from reels to cassettes, its usefulness to individual members especially is much enlarged.

The Theosophical Bookshop has had a very busy year and has served customers visiting Britain from all over the world.

The Publishing House has reprinted the following titles: *Psychic Powers*, by H. Todd (paperback); *Fairies at Work and Play*, by Geoffrey Hodson (paperback and hardback); *The Mental Body* by A. E. Powell (paperback and hardback); *Meditation for Beginners* by J. Wedgwood (paperback). In September the Manager attended the World Publishing Conference at Huizen, Holland, where a great deal of useful work was achieved. The Bookshop has secured a distribution agency that will represent our books to bookshops throughout Britain. The turnover for the year is likely to be in the region of £ 70,000.

Apart from the world-wide problem of ever rising costs, the greatest difficulty in maintaining the activities of the Section lies in the shortage of people able to contribute to the work.

IANTHE H. HOSKINS,
General Secretary.

INDIA

In spite of the difficulties encountered by Indians who wish to go abroad, a number of members of the Indian Section were able to participate in the New York World Congress; group travel was organized by Sri R. M. Toddywalla of Bombay. In addition, several other members were able to proceed to New York independently, so that the total number of members from the Indian Section participating in the Congress was more than originally expected.

The International Conventions at Adyar have naturally been attended largely by Indian members. The Centenary year, however, gave the members of our Section a unique opportunity to meet and live together with the numerous other members

who came from every part of the globe, practically from every continent and country where the Theosophical Society exists. An atmosphere of joy pervaded, arising from the harmony created by a shared vision, and aspirations transcending all outer marks of difference.

The reports of several Federations contain detailed accounts of the Centenary celebration meetings up to 17th February 1976 arranged in different places. On the 7th-8th December 1975, special programmes were arranged in Bombay to enable those travelling from New York to Adyar via Bombay to participate. The International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, presided and some distinguished citizens of Bombay took part. We were

happy to welcome there the General Secretary for Colombia (South America), Mrs. Julia Martinez, whose beautiful singing delighted a gathering at Blavatsky Lodge on 6th December.

The Centenary celebrations concluded in Delhi with a meeting on 15th February 1976 presided over by Mr. John Coats, the International President.

At the Indian Section Headquarters, special meetings were held from 1st to 3rd October 1975 to commemorate the Centenary. Sri B. V. Keskar, Sri K. L. Shrimali, Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University, and other notable citizens participated. Considerable newspaper coverage was obtained for these meetings. On Foundation Day also, a special meeting was held with Sri Shriman Narayan as the Chief Guest.

Many Federations published special Centenary issues of their journals or brought out Centenary souvenirs, containing articles and other material of interest. A special issue of *The Theosophical Review* was brought out in November 1975, with the title "The Ancient Wisdom in India—a Panorama". It was composed of articles giving glimpses of the theosophical knowledge contained in the teachings of India's mystics and seers. Other publications of the Section specially issued on the occasion of the centenary were *A Handbook of the Indian Section*, and two booklets, one on *Theosophy and Religion* prepared by Sri M. Krishnamacharyulu, and another on *Theosophy and Education* compiled by Miss Shubhada Telang. A previous edition of *The Handbook of the Indian Section* went out of print many years ago and the need for a new edition was keenly felt. The new edition contains detailed and valuable information about the International Society, the Indian Section, and allied activities.

A number of broadcasts over the radio also helped to make the public aware of the

work of the Theosophical Society. On 18th November 1975, I gave a talk on "The Contribution of the Theosophical Society to India's Renaissance" which was broadcast as part of the national programme of talks.

The Centenary year also provided an opportunity to get a number of articles and news items published in magazines and newspapers in different languages, drawing attention to various aspects of the Society's work.

Publications in different languages were as follows: Bengali translation by S.C. Neogy of C. W. Leadbeater's *Life After Death* entitled *Mrityu Parabarti Jivan*; Malayalam translation by V. Chellappan of *At the Feet of the Master*; Marathi translation of *Light on the Path* entitled *Path Pradip* and of *Practical Occultism* by T. S. Jayadevanna; in addition to these, books on Indian culture in the light of Theosophy and a translation of *Sutras for Meditation*, both by T. V. Rachappa, and one on the Theosophical Society and its achievements by K. B. Hanumantharaya were brought out in Kannada. Publications in Gujarati were *Rajyoga Path* by B. C. Mehta, a booklet on understanding Theosophy by H. B. Vaishnav and translations by Shivalal Mody of J. Krishnamurti's *Meditations* and *Freedom from the Known*; in Oriya, a booklet on Theosophy in Questions and Answers was published.

A number of study and training camps were held during the year. Particular mention must be made of a series of study camps held in Varanasi, lasting from three days to two or three weeks. I guided a study of *Light on the Path* during one of the camps. This was followed by a camp for the study of Patanjali's *Yogasutras* under the direction of Dr. R. S. Bhattacharya, a scholar particularly learned in the literature of Yoga. Another camp dealt with the theosophical wisdom

in the *Bhagavata Purana* of which expositions were given by Sri P. C. Ghose of Calcutta. Narada's *Bhaktisutras* were also studied. At each of these camps, Hindi resumés were arranged for the benefit of those not too well acquainted with English.

The study and training camps in the different Federations were also helpful. There were five in Gujarat, with attendance varying from fifty to one hundred. There were also six study camps in Karnataka in addition to a workers' training camp held in Bangalore, all of which were well attended. In Kerala there was a workers' training camp and two study camps. In the Telugu Federation, eight study camps were organised. The yearly Jnana-Yagna programme arranged by the late Sri Boda Venkataratnam in Tapeswaram continues to take place on the initiative of his son, Sri Boda Ramanarasimha. The Marathi, Rayalaseema, M. P., Rajasthan and Utkal Federations had one camp each. The U. P. Federation organized a camp in Meerut and took advantage of those held at Varanasi and Bhowali.

A workers' training camp was held at Adyar as usual in May and was conducted by Sri A. Suryanarayan Moorti. A camp was also held in Bhowali as usual, and was conducted by Dr. Pran Nath of Delhi. A new feature last year was a teachers' seminar of three weeks' duration organized by Sri S. Krishnamurthy in the beautiful garden residence of members in Arsikere. It was a pilot project arranged with the hope that this seminar will be the forerunner of further efforts to leaven the minds of educators and make them aware of the universal values embodied in Theosophy.

Besides the above-mentioned camps, exchanges between members have taken place in the different Federation conferences and inter-Lodge meetings. In

certain cities like Madras, inter-Lodge gatherings are held regularly and help to bring about contacts and enhance enthusiasm.

The International President, Mr. John Coats visited several larger cities including Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Varanasi and Lucknow, besides being the Chief Guest at various Centenary celebration meetings.

I participated in the annual conferences of the M. P.-Rajasthan, Telugu, Kerala, Karnataka and Rayalaseema Federations and made tours in other places, particularly in Kerala. I also presided over the South Indian Conference which is held at Adyar every year during the Easter week-end. Last year's conference, happily, was much better attended than in the past few years and fruitful discussions took place. The theme chosen for the conference, "Living in Harmony with the Divine" was ideally suited to the elevating atmosphere of Adyar in which the delegates shared their thoughts and spent three days together.

Sri S. Krishnamurthy has been very active as National Lecturer. He visited as many as 72 Lodges during the year and conducted six study seminars and workers' camps in the Karnataka Federation and one each in Bhuvaneshwar and Miraj. The Section owes him thanks for willingly undertaking such strenuous work and for fulfilling his responsibilities so seriously.

Dr. B. R. Mullik continued the Expansion Programme in the North-West with the help of Sri K. L. Bharadwaj of Delhi Federation and some others. Study camps were held at Faridabad, Chandigarh, Saproon, Dagshai and Sundarnagar. The public was contacted by addresses given at various institutions, including Rotary Clubs and colleges. As a consequence of the efforts made, several new Lodges have been formed in the north-western area and the field there seems to

be ripe for further results. We are grateful to Dr. Mullik and his co-workers.

Among those who have visited Lodges and lectured in different Federations are Sri S. N. Muni Rao, Sri P. R. Agarwala and Mr. and Mrs. R. Gopalaratnam. To all these workers and to the many others who are continuously and devotedly labouring to stimulate interest, and whose names cannot be enumerated, we owe grateful thanks. The value of work done cannot be measured in quantitative terms. Though only some part of the work and some persons can be mentioned in this report, we remember all who have supported the Society and offered their devotion.

The membership of the Section has increased during the last year by 474, standing now at 9,737. The total numbers of Lodges and Centres are 358 and 26 respectively. Lodges and Centres with less than the required number of members are 96 and 1 respectively. I feel it necessary to repeat that the calibre, the earnestness and vitality of the members matters much more than numbers and that we should not be complacent merely because there is an increase in the number of members. In *The Key to Theosophy* Madame Blavatsky wrote: "The future will depend entirely upon the degree of selflessness, earnestness, devotion and last but not least on the amount of knowledge and wisdom possessed by those members on whom it will fall to carry on the work." These qualities are essential for fulfilling the responsibility which we owe to each other and to the world which is in a sorry state of confusion and disintegration. As our late President N. Sri Ram has pointed out, a large number of confused, selfish and self-centred members cannot act as a channel of help to humanity. They will only add to the existing confusion and darkness. Only a band of members possessing the qualities

H.P.B. mentions can really further the cause of the Society.

The last year saw the departure from the physical world of several well-known and dedicated members of the Section. Among them are Sri Narayan Das Basu, Sri Badri Narayan, Sri Ramachandra Shukla, Sri Shambhu Dayal, and Sri A. Rama Rao.

Early in 1976, Sri Madhusudan Prasad was appointed as National Director of the Theosophical Order of Service. Since then regional groups have been formed in six Federations in addition to the nine which already existed. Life members and patron members are being enrolled besides ordinary members. The Karnataka T.O.S. group has continued to donate artificial limbs, etc., to disabled persons, and has helped blind children, orphans and so forth in several different ways. Combined with this work, an effort has been made to awaken students to moral and civic responsibilities. A booklet in Kannada entitled *Your are the Future Architects of India* was widely distributed and an Essay Competition was held with the subject, "My Plan for the Moral Regeneration of India." In Vizianagaram in A. P. the T.O.S. has been sponsoring eye-operations. The Bombay group has continued its work as the representative of the "Save the Children" Fund and has sponsored a large number of children. Other work such as hospital visiting is also being done.

Theosophy-Science work received a stimulus from special sessions arranged during the Centenary Convention at Adyar, when papers were presented by competent persons from all over the world and discussions took place. Dr. R. Ramanna, Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Institute, gave a public lecture on "Physical Reality—Is there any other?". A Science-Theosophy Association has been formed in Cuttack, with a fund donated by Sri B. Panda.

Theosophy, in the deep sense, implies a wholeness of perception. The truths explored in the scientific, philosophical and religious fields are synthesized in the holistic dimension of knowledge to which all Theosophical studies should lead. Modern scientific research and thought are breaking previously existing barriers between the physical and the super-physical, the material and the non-material, the metaphysical and the scientific, and so on. No real student of Theosophy, therefore can be indifferent to the Theosophy-Science work, which seeks to high light the barrier-breaking discoveries.

The seeker for truth has to keep his mind open, and not allow it to become restricted to known doctrines. In this sense, every Theosophist has to imbibe the scientific spirit. He has to be wary of accepting too readily, of belief, of dogma, and yet he must not allow scepticism to act as a drag making him incapable of new discoveries. To be effective in transmitting a message which will help the world, a new mind has to be nurtured within the Society which is essentially both scientific and religious.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

The new year began in October with feverish last-minute preparations for the various centenary activities.

Although it was not possible to organize group travel to New York for the World Congress (14-20 November), 27 members joined our Asian Tour. Not only was this most enjoyable but it ensured a representative contingent in Adyar for the Centenary Convention (20-30 December) and in Kuala Lumpur for the Pacific Conference (2-4 January). For some this was the experience of a lifetime. For all it was a time of enrichment, of sharing, of experiencing together the peace and beauty of the international Headquarters.

In Kuala Lumpur, it was resolved, in principle, that we form a Pacific Federation, that the Australians, New Zealanders and their neighbours to the North may have more opportunities to meet, discuss common interests and mutual problems and get to know each other better. It is hoped to organize another tour when the Federation is inaugurated, possibly

two years hence in Indonesia or the Philippines and already some members are saving for such an eventuality.

National Centenary Convention.—Our own Centenary Convention was held at the Kosciusko Chalet at Charlotte Pass in the Kosciusko National Park (10-17 January, 1976) where the Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, was Guest of Honour. An international flavour was given by the presence of several overseas members including Eunice and Felix Layton who assisted with the country dancing. Because of the beauty of the National Park, the usual discussion groups were excluded to allow free time for walks, trips to the Summit, etc., and, although some were disappointed, this was appreciated by the majority. Other highlights were the campfire, the evening trip to see the nocturnal fauna and evening entertainments.

Vice-President's Tour.—Following Convention, Miss Joy Mills made a successful tour of the Section, visiting lodges, discussing local problems and enthusing

the members. Her keen sense of humour, ability to answer awkward questions and warmth of personality gave just the reassurance needed in some places. She was also interviewed by the media in most of the capital cities and these came over very well, especially the ABC's radio programme "Saturday Saints". Visits like this give considerable stimulus to our work.

National Lecturer.—The popular Will Ross was again appointed as National Lecturer and has visited lodges in South Australia, Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland, giving seminars in Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide.

General Secretary's Visits.—Pressure of work due to the Centenary curtailed visits this year. On the home front I was only able to visit Newcastle and Perth lodges. On the international scene I was more active, visiting Adyar for the Centenary Convention and then Kuala Lumpur for the Pacific Conference where I was one of those asked to present a paper. Later in the year, I accompanied the National Treasurer to Europe, where we attended the English-speaking Regional Summer School at Cardiff in Wales and each contributed a talk, and the International Publishing Conference at Huizen to which all General Secretaries had been invited.

The Magazine.—In keeping with the second century image, *Theosophy in Australia* is now offset printed which allows freer use of illustrations without extra cost. The new format has been very much a trial and error affair, but we are learning and find assembling the magazine much more creative and enjoyable than in the past. Judging by the overwhelming response to the last two issues, readers also find it more enjoyable.

All Sections are affected by the rising cost of printing and particularly of postage. Reluctantly we have decided to publish

the magazine quarterly instead of two-monthly, but each issue is now larger.

Lodge.—Theosophy has as vital a message today as it had a century ago, but it must be expressed in a modern idiom. This has caused lodges to re-examine their programmes and explore new methods of putting forward the ancient wisdom. Some of the experiments may not be spectacular or even new, but they show that careful thought has been given to the temper of the day and have infused new life into meetings.

One of the trends is to open all or some of the members' meetings to the public, serve supper afterwards and provide opportunities for talk. Talks continue to be the mainstay of lodge work, but these are often replaced by seminars; workshop tutorials; talk-ins; study, meditation, contact and healing groups. One such idea was the "Seed Group" tried by Perth Lodge to explore the technique of group work more fully. To this end an initial group was convened and the members participated in a number of meetings in which they got to know each other and thrashed out methods of working together most successfully. In turn this Seed Group split up and handled larger groups which followed from an invitation to both lodge and library members. Successful classes, combining hatha and raja yoga have been organized by the President of Tathagata Lodge (Mrs. Yvonne Malykke).

With the purchase of a 16 mm film projector, Perth Lodge joined the ranks of those lodges which screen suitable films regularly to the public. These lodges have shown films on a variety of subjects including Zen Buddhism, healing, Jung, E.S.P., plant sensitivity, etc., and showings are much appreciated by the public who can browse through books or discuss ideas over a cup of coffee, tea or herbal tea afterwards.

Another idea was the video tape programme prepared by Perth Lodge. A video camera was used to tape three separate interviews with interesting people who described what they think of Theosophy, how they came to find Theosophy and so on. When I was in Perth this September the tape was run through a television set for me and I found the programme most enjoyable. The time is not far distant when we will all be feeding video tapes through our own television sets just as we feed cassettes into cassette recorders and it is a relatively simple thing to do. Perth Lodge's idea has considerable potential for putting our ideas across and further thought should be given to it.

Residential weekend retreats, seminars and unstructured weekends continue to grow in popularity, highlighting the urgent need for country properties or theosophical camps reasonably close to the city. One lodge is looking closely into this; others find the cost prohibitive, but we are not defeated yet and intend to continue looking.

Most of the lodges continue to produce magazines and newsletters which serve to keep the lodges in touch with one another, and also, booklets for enquirers. These latter are quite comprehensive and contain such useful information as when the lodge meets, what its main activities are, what facilities are available (for example, library, bookshop), how the Theosophical Society is structured and even the meaning of Sanskrit words often used.

Even theosophists must eat! Some lodges provide snack bars before the weekly meeting, while one has organized a Food Co-operative which enables members to buy health products at reduced costs. These things bring members closer together and give the premises a feeling of being alive.

The hub of many lodges is the bookshop and the library. Some of the latter contain very fine books which are in regular demand. Some libraries have 200 or more subscribers and are mostly run by volunteer labour.

Most of the smaller lodges report growing interest. There is often a strong family feeling in these, an attitude of helpfulness which makes newcomers feel instantly welcome. Gosnells Lodge has not been so fortunate. For ten years it had met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and enjoyed their warm hospitality. Now Mr. Oliver has died and the home has been given up. For the moment, meetings are being held only once a month in another member's home.

There are also two groups which meet regularly, namely the St. George and Albury groups. Both now meet twice per month and the former recently celebrated its 25th birthday. Because smaller lodges and groups tend to be more homogeneous, it is possible to do more solid study.

Services to the Lodges.—A variety of material is made available by the Section Office to augment local programmes to assist members when preparing talks. These include: *The Tape Library* which is being revised and added to constantly. Tapes range from Theosophy to science, the arts, parapsychology, religion, education, medicine, etc., so that those wishing to study a particular subject in depth may gain a comprehensive, accurate, informed and balanced viewpoint. *Films and Slides.*—the three Quest films in 16 mm. colour and sound and a fine colour slide library with transparencies, mostly covering illustrations from basic theosophical books. *Special Programmes and Illustrated Study Courses* (comprising script, slides, cassette or tape). Programmes for *Anniversary Days* such as White Lotus or Adyar Day prepared by

Helen Zahara; these need updating but serve as a useful basis for anniversary day programmes. *Study Courses* on subjects ranging from "The Secret Doctrine" to "Esoteric Christianity." *Publicity Leaflets and Pamphlets* on a number of pertinent subjects; these include publicity leaflets for the National Lecturer and visiting lecturers and are available on request. Next year we hope to produce a comprehensive *Resource Catalogue* which will supersede and incorporate the slide catalogue.

The quarterly *Adyar Newsletter* is sent regularly to lodges by courtesy of the Theosophical Society in Australia and keeps members in touch with both the international headquarters at Adyar and the work around the Sections.

My monthly Contact Letter to all lodges and groups and quarterly one to unattached members keeps members informed of events here and abroad. Above all I use it to keep ideas from the various lodges circulating so that all may be informed and they can experiment with some of the ideas put forward if they wish.

Headquarters Staff.—The Headquarters Staff work as a team and we like to think new ideas come from the group working together harmoniously rather than from individuals. It comprises, apart from myself: Miss Judith Fyfe; Mrs. Gerda Vanags; Mrs. Gladys MacCartie; Mrs. Dawn Kagan and Miss Audrey Godding (Manager of the Quest Book Agency). Because our agents have now taken over the management of the building, we could no longer offer Mr. Albert Piper full time work in the office after March and, happily, he was able to find full-time employment elsewhere.

Unfortunately we are now managing with one full staff member less than we had before moving to North Sydney and the work of the Quest Book Agency has

grown substantially without increase of staff. As we are reluctant to cut back seriously on our activities, all are carrying a very heavy work load at a time when there is so much opportunity for advancing the work. This means staff tend to work long hours voluntarily. The same applies to Dr. Hugh Murdoch (National Treasurer) and Mr. Norman Hankin (Chairman of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.), who give unstintingly of their time and to whom we owe sincere thanks. Linked with these are the occasional voluntary helpers who assist so ably with wrapping the magazine and getting it out on time.

Membership.—Membership now stands at 1331, a decrease of 299 over last year. There have been 144 new members, 41 readmissions and 25 transfers. Against this there have been 509 outgoing ones (103 resignations, 361 lapsings, 20 deaths and 25 transfers). Through death we have lost several stalwarts including Leonard Wade, John Farquharson, Magnus Vinks, Ted Mann (to name but a few).

We must take note of the continuing downward trend of the last two years, mostly caused by inflation and rising costs. Two of the larger lodges have noted that this fall is 'theoretical' in the sense that in the past we have carried unfinancial members, but as each Lodge has raised its dues, it has decided to no longer carry the 'dead wood'. This means that there is a hard core of 'active and committed members' as one lodge put it. Already there appears to be an increase of membership in some lodges and it is hoped next year will show an upward trend.

Nevertheless we should look carefully and critically at the way we are presenting Theosophy. Is it being put in a modern idiom, are the lodge premises welcoming, do friendly voices greet newcomers?

The absence of these things is a common criticism.

A monthly average of 200 letters has been sent to new members; this service is provided for the first 18 months of membership and is much appreciated if one can judge by letters received and regret expressed when the last letter arrives. Once again our thanks to Mr. W. P. McKenzie for beautifully inscribing each new diploma.

Theosophy in Australia was published every alternate month until February since when it has been decided, at least until Convention, to bring it out quarterly. As usual most of the articles have been contributed by members in Australia although occasionally an article in an overseas journal warrants inclusion. Unhappily proof readers are becoming an extinct species and any mistakes must be attributed to my too hasty reading of them. Thanks go to all those who assist in getting the magazine out on time.

Advertising and Publicity.—This year rising costs have caused us to forego all advertising in newspapers. However, there is a steady stream of enquiries concerning the Society, many of which stem from our regular Sunday broadcasts and from the bookshops. Twenty-three enquirers have subscribed to the 12-part Correspondence Course based on Felix and Eunice Layton's book *Theosophy, Key to Understanding*. Valuable publicity has also come from radio and television interviews with our National Lecturer (Will Ross) and Miss Joy Mills.

Perth Lodge has a special visual advertisement on the M.T.T. fleet of buses and displays advertisements at the Central Railway Station and elsewhere.

Books have been sent to libraries here and in Malaysia at the University. Regarding the latter, at the Pacific Conference we were informed that the University has had no theosophical books

since the war. We sent a few exploratory books to test the climate towards our literature, and were asked to send more.

Broadcasting.—The regular 15-minute theosophical broadcasts have continued on Station 2GB each Sunday evening and bring requests for scripts and information about Theosophy. This year we have had a number of interviews as a change from straight talks and these seem very popular. These have included interviews with Miss Joy Mills and Mr. Will Ross; an interview with Terrance Plowright of the New Awareness Centre; with Gilberto Rizzo, the United Nations Representative; with Chris. Dalton from the Institute of Natural Health; Stella Cornelius from the Peace Committee; and Joy Lee from Project Jonah (to mention a few). Our sincere thanks to all those who helped with these broadcasts.

Bookshops.—Interest in our bookshops has risen steadily and there are first class ones with an excellent range of books operated by all the five major lodges, while in Sydney there is a second shop at North Sydney. The public like our specialized service and friendliness and many people are regular buyers. At present they are our main form of publicity. Their counters are also our best means of publicizing by the use of leaflets, our films, guest lecturers, our national lecturer, seminars and other coming events.

The smaller lodges, while not having the money for bookshops, nevertheless usually stock a limited supply of books for sale at their meetings and the turnover is steady.

Quest Book Agency.—Thanks to the efficient management of Miss Audrey Godding, sales have risen from \$19,406 to \$ 23,063 this year. Books are mainly sold to trade customers throughout Australia and New Zealand and some further afield. Quest imports in bulk the

popular paperback series known as Quest Books published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A. It also acts as agent for several other publishing firms including the Theosophical Publishing Houses in America and London; The Adyar Library and Research Centre; Watkins Publishing, London; Compton Russell, Salisbury, England (only those books similar in content to ours); Cesara Publications, Eire; The Secret Doctrine series from Wizards Bookshelf, Minneapolis; and Point Loma Publications, America (still awaiting supplies). These books are distributed at the local discount rate throughout Australia and New Zealand to lodge bookshops as well as to over 100 other bookshops. This non-profit making service means that theosophical and allied literature can be made more quickly available than if bookshops had to import books from overseas.

A more comprehensive catalogue is being prepared. Because of inflation, Quest now advertises only in *The Review* and *Cosmos*. Most orders, however come from catalogues. While most books sold by Quest are relatively cheap, the more expensive ones like those from Watkins and Wizard's Bookshelf continue to sell steadily. We have been fortunate that Mrs. Cecily Dynes has been acting as our sales representative in Sydney and promoting sales.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—The T.O.S. groups in Australia continue to work autonomously applying their special talents in many areas of concern to theosophists. On the home front, for example, members work in various States for Freedom From Hunger, Save the Children Fund, Adult Literacy, Anti-Vivisection, doorknocks for AUSTCARE (Australian Care for Refugees), Amnesty International, special support and concern for The Aboriginal Medical Fund,

FRAME (an anti-vivisection body) and various other activities. In Adelaide Mrs. Fearnside continues to edit *The Australian Vegetarian* and in Brisbane a bursary is given to the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. The T.O.S. has been represented on Aboriginal projects, the Australian Conservation Foundation and the National Council of Women.

On the international scene, special allocations from AUSTCARE include a cheque for US \$ 1228.30 to the General Secretary of the Central American Section of The Theosophical Society to be used for earthquake victims in Guatemala; \$ 1000 to the Kotagiri Co-Operative; and \$ 2500 to a Buddhist Orphanage in Bangladesh. \$ 500 has also gone to the H.P.B. Hostel at Adyar and \$ 200 to the Bihar flood victims.

The National Director, Mrs. Lorraine Moseley, was re-appointed to the National Management Committee of AUSTCARE and to the State Executive Committee. She is also Hon. Public Relations Officer for the U.N. Association of Australia, N.S.W. Division.

This unobtrusive work for humanity is a practical application of Theosophy and the deepest thanks of every caring member go to Mrs. Moseley and all those tireless workers who are dedicated to "The service of all who suffer."

International.—Whilst our thoughts are naturally focussed on the work of the Society in Australia, this organization is part of a larger whole, embracing our world-wide movement. In these critical times, it is of tremendous interest to keep up to date with what is happening in other Sections and it can widen even more the vision of our movement and its work.

Many members who participated in the Centenary Celebrations in New York, London, Adyar, Kuala Lumpur and elsewhere must have returned with the strong feeling that their horizons had

been broadened and their appreciation of other cultures deepened. Our own little group felt fortunate that two delightful Japanese ladies were able to join the Asian Tour and arising from this, a number of the party expressed the wish that we might visit Japan when the Pacific Federation is inaugurated.

In the Section Office we are in close touch with the International Headquarters and with Sections around the world and we try to share this international flavour with the members in the magazine and in the Contact Letters.

The Adyar-Australia Fund stood at \$ 22,556.12 on 30th September, 1976 and its income during the year amounted to \$ 1,050.33. This annual income is held in safekeeping for the upkeep of the Adyar Estate. Collections and donations to the Adyar Day and the Rice Bowl appeals have been transmitted to Adyar.

During the year \$ 500 was sent to the Non-English Publications Loan Fund. (It should be noted that in future this is to be known as the Non-English Publications Fund). This Fund makes possible the translation of theosophical books from English into other languages. Not all members realize how handicapped fellow-members in some countries are by the severe lack of these books in their native tongue. In sending the money the hope is always expressed that the money will be used for translations done by members living in those countries which lie close to us, like Indonesia and Japan.

Administration.—During Convention at the Kosciusko Chalet at Charlotte Pass, N.S.W. three National Council Meetings were held as well as the customary Annual General Meeting of The Australian Section Theosophical Trust.

The Sydney Quorum of the National Executive Committee and the Directors of the Trust Company meet regularly each month; minutes of these meetings

and relevant information are sent to all concerned with administration. I would like to thank sincerely all those concerned with this side of the work and for the help and support given to me personally.

Finance.—At Convention in January, Dr. H. S. Murdoch was again elected as National Treasurer and we are most grateful to him for the time and effort he gives to this task. His work would be impossible without the very able assistance he has been given by the Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Gerda Vanags.

The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd.—Once again Mr. Norman Hankin has filled the office of Chairman. In the first half of the year Mr. Albert Piper was Secretary and in the latter half Mrs. Gerda Vanags.

The building in North Sydney is held in trust for the Society and Blavatsky Lodge. In the current depressed economic climate letting is still slow and as a result we do not expect any income from this source for at least another three years.

In continuance of its policy of promoting the objects of the Theosophical Society, financial assistance was given for publishing *Theosophy in Australia* and the operation of the Quest Book Agency.

Bequests.—Two bequests have come from members this year, one from Mrs. Ruth Grealis of Sydney and one from Mr. Ted Mann of Cairns. Mrs. Grealis' will left all her real and personal property to The Australian Section Theosophical Trust; however there are a number of complications to be sorted out before probate can be granted. Probate has not yet been granted in the will of the late Mr. Ted Mann. He left \$ 18,000 in Special Bonds to the Society, the money to be held for the benefit of Cairns Lodge.

Expansion Fund.—During the year \$ 2755.53 was donated to the Expansion Fund. Money from this Fund is used

for such projects as bringing out visiting lecturers, the National Lecturer, and services to the lodges such as slide, tape and special programmes.

Research Library.—Some valuable books have been donated again this year to the Research Library. Especially must we thank Mr. Michael Breen for a number of very interesting and, in some cases, old books. Unfortunately we have not had time to catalogue the books yet but the Library is used from time to time by students and researchers.

Conclusion.—As we move into the second century of theosophical endeavour, it is pleasing to see lodges aware of the need for change. Some have put a lot of careful thought into new methods of presentation especially those which involve group activity and serious study of Theosophy. On the debit side I feel we have to take serious note of those who accuse us of becoming crystallized and exclusive. It was a danger H.P.B. foresaw

very clearly when she said in *The Key to Theosophy*, "Every such attempt as the Theosophical Society has hitherto ended in failure, because, sooner or later, it has degenerated into a sect, set up hard-and-fast dogmas of its own, and so lost by imperceptible degrees that vitality which living truth alone can impart." If we care for Theosophy we will be honest enough to face these charges and do something about them.

Today there are many young people eager for the teachings of Theosophy. They are enthusiastic, sensitive, intuitive and caring. Do we make them feel welcome and an integral part of the lodge? Do we listen, really listen, to what they have to tell us, and do we discuss their ideas with them. Do we give them responsibility? If we don't, we may find we have no young people in our lodges and they are the builders of the future.

ELAINE MURDOCH,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The Centenary of The Theosophical Society was celebrated in Stockholm and in Gothenburg during the late autumn of 1975 by an exhibition on Theosophy and The Theosophical Society in each town, the exhibition in Gothenburg being the largest and visited by more than 4,000 people. In both cases there were public lectures and the showing of the film "The Universal Flame". A third exhibition was arranged later in a smaller town. The Swedish Section arranged, in cooperation with a Swedish travel agent, a group flight to the Centenary Celebrations at Adyar December 1975-January 1976. Thirty-three members from Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Germany participated.

The Section had to move again, after 3½ years, its Headquarters in Stockholm because of a considerable rise in the rent at the former place. The new premises, Karlavägen 44, consist of a shop with display windows and some further rooms and give us good possibilities for book selling, lending library, lectures and smaller meetings. Members have contributed to a large extent in arranging the new place, by work and by gifts.

Six lodges are working regularly in the Section at present, having programmes including public lectures, study circles open to the public and members' meetings. Theosophical lectures and talks to groups have been given in two towns where there is no lodge working.

The main event of the year was, as is often the case, the theosophical summer week, which took place this year during the third week of July on the west coast south of Gothenburg. The week was open also to non-members and included participants from Denmark and Norway, in all 65. Our guest speaker was Radha Burnier. She gave three lectures, which gave to us a very profound and coherent view of man, reality, the present situation in the world and what the individual can do to promote conditions in better keeping with a true inner knowledge of the meaning of life. The three lectures have been published and have been the basis for a study circle during the autumn. As to the rest of the programme, especially in one respect this summer week was different from earlier ones, namely in the group work, which aimed at making us aware of more of our being than the spheres of thought and feeling in and from which we usually live to a great extent. Music, poetry, relaxation, meditation, using our hands to create in form and colour, and silent exercises in which

we could discover our unconscious patterns of reactions in different situations, were all part of this group work.

The Sectional magazine *Teosofi i Norden*, jointly for Norway and Sweden and issued four times a year, has been continued. In addition the Swedish Section has issued a members' newsletter, also four times.

A couple of new pamphlets for the public have been produced and a reprint has been made of a Swedish translation of H.P.B.'s *Practical Occultism*.

A specially appointed committee has revised the rules of the Section and this led to the adoption of new rules at the annual business meeting of the Section July 1976. A fuller description of the aims and the methods of the work in the Section are part of this amendment.

During the year 22 new members have joined and 1 has been transferred while 43 members have left including lapsings. The membership at the end of the year under report therefore stands at 315.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

With the inspiration of the Centenary Celebrations of the parent body of the Society behind us, and with the impetus provided by the activities and publications associated with those celebrations, it is pleasing to be able to report another year of successful work for the Section.

New Zealand was well represented at both the New York Congress and at the Adyar Celebrations and those who were sufficiently fortunate to be able to attend were generous in sharing the joy and excitement of those occasions at our own centenary celebrations held in conjunction with the 79th Annual Convention of the

N. Z. Section. This too, was a very happy event, held in the pleasant surroundings of Massey University at Palmerston North, and attended by about 125 members.

Filled with a high resolve to carry Theosophy into its second century of meaningful service to mankind, our lecturers, lodge officers and members generally have given most generously of their time and talents. The results have been most encouraging and have been reflected in well attended meetings with many new members, good responses to our display advertising, increasing

use of our library and other facilities as set out below.

Travelling Lecturers.—Special efforts have been made this year to ensure that wherever possible the Lodges and discussion groups have been well assisted with capable lecturers. We are especially indebted for their very generous services in this connection to:

Mrs. Jean Kronfeld, Miss Cecilia Pollard, Mrs. Mavis Hardy, Mrs. Joy Powis, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Mr. Gavin Laurie, Mr. Dudley Gower, Mr. David England, Mr. Brian Dunningham, not forgetting our National Lecturer, Mr. Walter Tanner.

Films.—Particular interest has been shown this year in the several films which have been distributed from Headquarters, good audiences being reported wherever they have been exhibited. The specific films shown this year were the Society's Centenary film "The Universal Flame" and the two films featuring ex-astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, "The Ultimate Mystery" and "Inner Spaces of the Mind," as well as the occasional screening of the earlier Quest Film "Reincarnation".

Such has been the public acceptance and success of these films that three more have been purchased for use within the Section during the ensuing year. These are "Unheard Melodies", "Biofeedback: The Yoga of the West" and "Hinduism and the Song of God".

Lodges.—Lodge activities continue to be the backbone of all theosophical work throughout the country and we extend our most sincere thanks to all those officers and members who so faithfully and willingly contribute to the cause.

Public lectures, seminars, film evenings, members' study classes and the occasional social event all make for very busy but very happy lodges and very effective ones.

During the year Oamaru Lodge was unfortunately obliged to close, but we welcome the addition of the new Motueka Lodge. Lodge numbers remain therefore at 17.

Discussion Groups.—Of particular significance during the year has been the establishment of two new groups, one in Masterton under the care of Mr. & Mrs. Garstang, and the other in Queenstown with Mr. Brian Hart and Miss Lindsay Allen at the reins.

Religion Fair.—Dunedin Lodge participated with 16 Church and allied groups in a one day "Religion Fair" during which they presented Theosophy to some 1,500 visitors by means of a lecture, by films, by literature and by general discussion.

Library Gifts.—Three dozen copies of *Reincarnation: An East West Anthology* have been donated to public libraries throughout the country, thereby exhausting the funds given for this purpose by Miss Edith Gray of the American Section.

Section Library.—Use of the Section Library has expanded substantially during the year, and it continues to serve as a very valuable part in our work, particularly for country members.

Theosophical Cassette Centre.—Under the very able and dedicated attention of Mr. Frank Wilson, the Cassette Centre continues to make a major contribution to the work.

In the three years since it was established Mr. Wilson has supplied 800 cassettes of theosophical lectures and "Talking Books", the latter in the voice of Geoffrey Hodson.

Such is his and our conviction of the future of cassettes as a medium for spreading Theosophy that Frank Wilson is acquiring a machine which will speed up thirtyfold the tape copying process. We will also be supplying the cassettes in plastic containers embodying attractive

eye-catching covers with the name and details of the Theosophical Society. The cassettes themselves will also be labelled as having been recorded by the N. Z. Section.

Earlier in the year, seven cassettes containing Geoffrey Hodson's "Talking Books" of "The Pathway to Perfection" and "The Supreme Splendour" were supplied as a gift from the Section to the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Krotana.

Tape Library.—This continues to serve a valuable purpose although the major demand is for the cassettes.

Radio & Television.—By comparison with previous years the Society can claim to have had very good coverage on radio and T.V. Several Lodges were able to obtain air time in connection with the Centennial of the Society on the 17th November.

It was altogether a very creditable effort and we are most appreciative of all those contributions which brought the theosophical cause before the public.

"*Theosophy in New Zealand.*"—Under the very capable editorship of Mrs. Roma Dunningham, the Section magazine continues to attract most favourable comment from home and overseas as one of the leading theosophical periodicals in circulation anywhere today.

Attractively and imaginatively presented as it is, the magazine serves not only as a fine house organ but as a very valuable publicity document. Rising costs of printing and postage have obliged us to double the annual subscription for non-members from \$1.00 to \$2.00, but we nevertheless continue to attract new subscribers.

The free distribution of *Theosophy in New Zealand* to public libraries has been extended this year. Circulation is currently in excess of 8,000.

Publicity Pamphlets.—In excess of 12,500 copies of the American and Australian pamphlets have been distributed to the Lodges this year for use as free publicity material. These are attractive and well-written, and have proved to be very popular with enquirers.

The new booklet *A Spiritual Science for Today* prepared by the Section under the capable editorship of Mrs. Mavis Hardy was published during the year and distributed to all Lodges. It has been extensively used in conjunction with our display advertising, and has been most favourably received and commented on by members of the public.

Display Advertising.—As in previous years, display advertisements have been placed in the major daily newspapers and in a number of weekly magazines, with very worthwhile results.

Initial emphasis was given to the new free booklet, *A Spiritual Science for Today*, whereas later in the year we also invited subscriptions to *Theosophy in New Zealand*.

It must be stressed that this is a very important aspect of our work since at least half of our new members this year have joined the Society as a direct result of replying to our advertisements or by changing from being a magazine subscriber to being a full member. Either way, their membership arose as a result of our display advertising in this or previous years.

Letters to New Members.—During the year, monthly letters dealing with many different aspects of Theosophy continued to be mailed to our new members who receive these during the first 18 months of membership. Almost 3,500 such letters were sent out and they are currently being mailed at the rate of 500 per month.

Finances.—To help offset the rising costs evident in printing, travelling costs,

etc., it was necessary to increase Section dues payable by lodge members from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per annum, and from \$2.25 to \$3.00 for H. Q. members. These increases are quite insignificant, however, particularly when it is recognised that our new Section dues are only one-fifth of the Section dues paid by members in the Australian and American Sections, for instance.

The Voluntary Fund attracted record donations of \$2,570 this year, and we extend our thanks to the many donors.

Investments and the contribution from the Theosophical Properties Trust Board continue to form the bulk of our income, and the capital funds are regularly reviewed to ensure that they provide the Section with the best possible return.

Income for the year from the Mason Foundation amounted to \$708.00. This fund annually contributes significant sums of this order towards the publicity and allied activities of the Section. Contributions and legacies to build the capital of this fund would be sincerely appreciated.

Orewa Project.—During the year two very attractive units were constructed on part of the Arundale Park property as a first step in the creation of a new theosophical community centre. One of these is already occupied and the other is currently under offer to members.

Because of the very large capital sums required to make it habitable again, and because of the soaring rates and other expenses, the 100-year old Orewa House has been a source of grave concern to the Executive Committee. To our great relief the house and a piece of land around it has been sold to a gentleman who plans to spend a very considerable sum of money restoring the property to its original elegance and developing it as an Arts centre.

Membership.—As at the 30th September, membership stands at 1,389, a net gain for the year of 50. New admissions were very high at 329 but were unfortunately largely offset by losses arising from a tidy-up of Lodge and Section records.

Called to Higher Service.—Among those who passed on during the year were several who had given long years of devoted service to the theosophical cause, and who will be sadly missed. These were Miss Jean Hastings, Mr. Bob Westwood, Mr. Leslie Hardy, Mr. Jack Bennett and Mr. David Butt. To their respective families we send our love and deep sympathy.

Appreciation.—To spread the teachings of Theosophy involves the co-ordinated efforts of scores of dedicated members, each of whom contributes whatever they can, be it lecturing, administration or flower arrangement.

For these many people thanks is usually unnecessary, for as stated in *At the Feet of the Master*, when a man once sees God's plan "he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful."

Nevertheless it would be churlish of me if I were not to say "thank you" to all those who so generously gave their time and skills to advance Theosophy here in N. Z. In particular I wish to acknowledge the truly enormous contribution made by Brian and Roma Dunningham, our Assistant General Secretary and our Editor. Their dedication to the Society is an example for us all.

To all the Section officers, to the voluntary workers in the office, to Geoffrey and Sandra Hodson who so generously share their home and their wisdom, to the Board members on the Properties Trust and other committees, and to all workers everywhere, I give sincere thanks.

In Conclusion it has been a pleasure to work with so many dedicated members, and I am confident that our joint efforts to popularise Theosophy are not in vain. Vast opportunities for further service lie before us, however, for the Society and the philosophy which we offer is still relatively unknown to the majority of New Zealanders.

The Theosophical Society in New Zealand is a vigorous and active organisation, and we look forward confidently to its continued contribution towards mankind's understanding of the plan and purpose of life.

NEILL EDGAR,
General Secretary.

THE NETHERLANDS

The celebrations of the centenary of the T.S. have played a dominant role during the year under report.

A small group of five members went to New York for the Centenary Congress in November 1975; a group flight of 20 members was organized for members who took part in the Convention at Adyar, and several more went separately.

The national celebration took place on Saturday 11th October 1975 in the R.A.I.-Congress building at Amsterdam. Among the 300 people attending there were also some representatives of other theosophical groups. In the morning the General Secretary gave a lecture, and in the afternoon there was a symposium under the title "How do we see the future work of the T. S.?". Three of our younger members gave their views on the subject, and then a very lively discussion followed. There was music before and after the sessions (cello and piano). At 4.30 p.m. there was a reception. On the Monday after the meeting a report was broadcast over the radio with some flashes of the meeting, and interviews with several members.

In November a television programme of one hour was given under the title "The Secret Doctrine". It was cast in the form of an interview and discussion with the Vice-Chairman (Vice-General

Secretary) of our Section, Mr. Daan van Egmond, Mrs. Vermeulen of the Point Loma Society, and a non-theosophist, but sympathiser, Mr. Prummel.

There were also regional and local celebrations. For example, in the eastern part of the Netherlands, the region of Twente, various societies like Anthroposophists, Rosicrucians, Buddhists, Spiritualists, etc., were invited to join in the celebration, and representatives of each of them were asked to define in as few words as possible their movement, and then give a short talk on "Man in Our Time". In the afternoon discussion groups were formed, conducted by the speakers of the morning, and the participants were asked to discuss the problems brought forward in the morning session, trying to end with formulating some questions for future discussions, instead of giving ready-made solutions.

Also, a series of four weekend conferences was organized by the Annie Besant Lodge at Naarden (in the Huizen Centre) under the title "Man and Universe". The idea was to provide an open platform, where carefully selected speakers from various spiritual movements were invited to give their views on man, on various human activities and problems, on nature, the universe, etc. These weekend meetings were attended

by 150 to 200 people, several of whom for the first time heard about Theosophy. The membership of the Annie Besant Lodge grew within one year from about 50 to about 75, and some of those new members came through these celebrations.

Membership of the Dutch Section as a whole was in balance this year; the total number remained about 1,000. The average age of our members is high, last year 55% of our members were above 65 years, and this means a high mortality (although many theosophists get very old and remain in good health). But an increasing number of young people joined our ranks, and this is a hopeful sign.

An important development was started by the young theosophists in the Netherlands. As a result of the discussions at

New York and Adyar during the Centenary Celebrations they decided to stop working as a separate organization, and a group of them is now organizing, together with some lodge members, a training course for T.S. workers, with training for giving lectures, leading discussions, meditation, organization techniques, public relations, etc. In October 1976 the course will start.

A Summer School was organized together with the Vimala Thakar Foundation at the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen, under the title "Meditation in Daily Life", conducted by Vimala Thakar. The attendance was about 60.

MARIJN BRANDT,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

The work of the French Section has been going on steadily during the year which ended on the 30th September 1976. The number of its members has grown from 1377 to 1400 and the number of its Lodges, which was 44 last year, has reached 47.

The major event which happened in the life of our Section last year has been the celebration of the Centenary of our Society. It took place at our Headquarters in Paris, on Sunday 16th November, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and was attended by a great number of members from various parts of our country. Almost all of them took their meal at noon together, in our Headquarters. The meeting was particularly inspiring, the atmosphere being extremely warm and fraternal.

A large number of our members have participated in the Summer School of the Latin countries, at Territet (Switzerland).

Our Publishing House, the "Editions Adyar", has published several theosophical books among which were a translation of the *Transactions of the Blavatsky Lodge* and reprints of French versions of *The Key to Theosophy*, *Old Diary Leaves* (first series), *Esoteric Buddhism*, and *An Introduction to Yoga*.

Our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu*, read by all the French-speaking Theosophists in Europe and Africa, has been regularly issued. It continues to be the official organ of the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections.

SALOMON LANCRI,
General Secretary.

ITALY

The 62nd Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in Italy took place at Riccione on May 27-30. Ninety-six members participated in the Symposium. The theme was "Theosophy in the Last Quarter of the 20th Century". During the Convention the General Secretary presented an original documentation of the "Kirlian" effect.

Activity went on regularly during the year. There are now 23 groups and three study centres. One group has been dissolved at Florence.

There have been eighty new admissions, six deaths and 117 lapsing members (perhaps to become in "good standing" later in the year) showing a decrease of 43 members with a total membership of 596.

The *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* was published regularly during the year and has now almost seven hundred subscribers including 200 non-members.

The Centenary Celebrations took place in November 1975. Twelve members of the Italian Section went to Adyar and one to New York. They returned very enthusiastic about their experiences.

During the year the Italian edition of C. W. Leadbeater's work *The Chakras* was published and was favourably received by many, including the parapsychological writers.

The General Secretary visited and lectured to the groups in Venice, Forlì, Rome, Genoa, Turin and Milan. He also lectured to sizable crowds at Grado, Monfalcone, Gorizia on the convergence of Theosophy and Parapsychology. He contributed articles on this subject to several leading papers and gave three radio interviews.

EDOARDO BRATINA,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The Centenary Celebrations in Germany were held at the Kurhaus at Bad Homburg v.d. Höhe from August 2-9, 1975. It was a very successful week. Most important was the spirit of cooperation embracing all six of the groups of Germany. A resolution was passed and signed with the intention of continuing this cooperative Theosophy.

Fourteen members from the Adyar T.S., and with them, Mrs. Linné from Untertengenhardt, went to the World Congress held at New York (14-21 November 1975). A smaller group went to the Centenary Convention held at Adyar, including Mrs. Gerda Hofer, the second Representative, and the General Secretary, Siegfried Kuska, who participated in a

symposium on education and gave a flute recital. Both the World Congress and the Centenary Convention were a highlight of theosophical experience for those who had the opportunity to attend them.

During the winter months of 1975-76 the work of most of the different lodges continued regularly, though it seemed that some groups were "sleeping". For this reason, the General Secretary lectured in the Ruhrgebiet in the spring of 1976. Mrs. A. Stephan went on a lecture tour through Germany and some parts of Switzerland.

On May 1, we honoured H. P. B. in Würzburg, at Ludwigstr. 6, by unveiling a commemorative tablet. Prof. Spohn

from Berlin was responsible for the design. Mr. and Mrs. Hofer from Wurzburg gave a reception in their home for the theosophists from the different Societies in Germany thereby activating the resolution of cooperation presented in Bad Homburg. Mrs. Linné gave an inspiring lecture on Brotherhood to 36 happy participants.

Seminar work took place in Berlin under the guidance of Mrs. I. Scheithauer.

The Summer School was held in Arnsburg at an old monastery near Lich in Hessen. We were happy to have Mrs. Radha Burnier with us as a guest of honour. She gave two inspiring lectures on "Towards a New Era" and "Meditation". Lectures and seminars were conducted throughout the week with about sixty participants. Activities also included film and slide shows, and a concert.

SIEGFRIED KUSKA,
General Secretary.

CUBA

During the period of this report we have fostered one purpose, to better our service to humanity by making available to the people of our country the theosophical doctrines.

Our 71st National Convention and Board of Directors meeting was held January 23-25. Many interesting and timely lectures were given by brother and sister members of the various lodges. Sunday noon the delegates were presented with a piano concert, the children delighted in cartoon films while the Board of Directors met and accorded appointments for the following year. The attendance of the Convention surpassed the usual number, approximately 360 people from Havana and other cities throughout the country participating. Collations, buffets and a fraternal lunch were given at the Centenary terrace-garden, recently completed. A spirit of harmony and fraternity prevailed.

There are 19 active lodges with a total membership of 430. There are also 150 friends who visit us regularly.

The Centenary Celebration was held 15th-17th November 1975. As a preparatory activity a contest was opened for the presentation of works about

(1) Helena Petrovna Blavatsky—Your Last Incarnation Was Not a Failure, (2) Henry Steel Olcott and the Fruits of His Work, (3) Seventy Years of Theosophy in Cuba. An appointed tribunal selected the works of Bro. Humberto Sarmiento Bravo for the first item, Sister Marina Lera Petrolanda for the second and Sister Evangelina Arbolaez for the third. These works were presented and discussed during the Convention. Other topics lectured upon and discussed were, "How Theosophy came to Each One of Us" and "The Theosophical Society, a Century and a Projection".

Adyar Day was celebrated with a special programme of remembrances of Bro. Charles W. Leadbeater, Bro. Henry Steel Olcott and Sis. Annie Besant. Hymns To Theosophy and Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and the usual invocations crowned the day.

White Lotus Day was celebrated with readings from *The Light of Asia* and the *Bhagavad Gita* and a lecture about H.P.B.

Wesak Full Moon was commemorated with lectures on the Lord Buddha, and the Wesak Ceremonial.

The Asala Full Moon Ceremonial was celebrated July 11, 1976 with a lecture

explaining its significance and a discourse on the Lord Maitreya. The Benares Sermon was presented and also an artistic production by Sister María de los Angeles Reyes Figueroa. Sister Concepción Rodríguez read her poetical composition, "The Asala Moon."

Lectures were given at the various lodges throughout the year and a number of study courses on various theosophical themes. All the lodges organized special activities with lecturers from other lodges to promote fraternity. Joint meetings of the lodges which meet at the Havana Headquarters continued as usual.

The official organ *Revista Teosofica Cubana* has maintained its publication

in spite of difficulties. Contact with members has also been encouraged through the occasional publication of *Orientaciones Teosoficas*. In this publication the translation of Dr. I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture* has been included free of charge.

Every effort made has been full of enthusiasm and of sincere theosophical ideal. Our goal is service through common action, a collective body of impersonal inspiration, representing the priceless value of the uniqueness of each individual effort.

JUAN BAUTISTA RODRIGUEZ OLIVA,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The regular course of life was electrified in Autumn 1975 by the Centennial Celebrations in our Section as elsewhere. On 16 November a festival public meeting in grand style was held in Helsinki and lesser festivals were arranged in four other cities in November. The American films "The Universal Flame" and "How Many Lifetimes" were shown at several places. The speakers at these centenary meetings were, in addition to the General Secretary, Mr. Aimo Palomäki, Mr. Armas D. Siimes and Mrs. Alli Nurmi. In November a special jubilee copy of the magazine *Teosofi* was issued. Thirteen Finnish members (plus 3 Finns living in other countries) together with the Swedish group of delegates attended the Centenary

Convention in Adyar. Mr. Jaakko Kari-Koskinen with his wife went to the World Congress in New York.

The second part of *Thoughts for Aspirants* by N. Sri Ram was published in Finnish translation in 1975. The Blavatsky Lodge published also J. J. van der Leeuw's *Gods in Exile* in Finnish.

The General Secretary had a chance to participate in the Publishing Conference in Huizen in September 1976. We were happy to have the Swedish General Secretary, Mr. Curt Berg, and Mrs. Kerstin Berg as our guest speakers in Kreivilä for the Summer School, the theme of which was "The Responsibility of Being a Man". The Summer School

was successful and well attended in spite of the cold weather.

The membership stands at circa 470. We lost by death two stalwart members of long standing: Mr. Yrjö Kallinen at the age of nearly 90 years, a well known orator and writer, and Mrs. Emmi Leimu (85), a fine theosophical worker.

The work continues evenly. We see it as our task to be awake to the great issues involved and add the little gestures of ours, the strength of our conviction and the force of our thought and opinion to the service of humanity.

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

This year was an outstanding year in the theosophical world. The Centenary Celebrations in America, England, Adyar, Australia, our own country and in all the many other countries have reinforced the theosophical web spread over our globe. We all have most certainly enjoyed the privilege of being members of the Theosophical Society.

Here in Southern Africa we celebrated the Centenary on the 6th and 7th December 1975 at the Johannesburg Lodge, and it was in this sunny climate a warm and happy gathering.

We also had the privilege to have the International President, Mr. John Coats, with us at the beginning of April, who gave us a vivid picture of the activities in New York, London, and Adyar during the Centenary Celebrations.

The Annual Convention of this Section was held in Cape Town and was well

attended. As part of the activities we enjoyed a beautiful bus tour along the coast of the Peninsula, making us conscious of the beauty in nature.

The working group, "The Challenge of Today," was well attended and interesting discussions developed.

The Theme for Convention was "Meaning and Application of Brotherhood". The needs of the physical body were often stressed, and the necessity of awakening in us the all embracing love and understanding of our fellow men and all life.

The Order of Service was discussed. We thought it unnecessary to appoint an officer, for many of us are involved in social welfare in one way or another; we are sure that students of Theosophy are conscious of our fellowmen, animals and all life. The booklet from the Order of Service was circulated and many

points discussed and appreciated. We thanked our fellow theosophists and we are supporting wherever we can.

The necessity for a Youth Centre was discussed. However we find no "generation gap" and separation is therefore considered undesirable. We are not in favour of this branching off and we support the points the English Section has brought forward wholeheartedly.

We are stimulating the Brethren to participate in the Science Seminar.

We are grateful for the stress on Humaneness so well stated by our revered Bro. Geoffrey Hodson and supported by Belgium, especially in this part of the world where the evolutionary powers are so potent and where so much guidance from those who know is needed.

The activities in the lodges are not changing. Television is now in South Africa and influences the attendance. Rhodesia which forms part of our Section has had television for a long time, yet the Rhodesian members are very active in their different lodges; only one lodge is dormant and had to be closed. Our total membership is now 378, with a decrease of 17 members, mostly from Que Que Lodge.

We were glad to welcome back from Adyar our beloved Brethren Louise and Willie Kleingeld. Their enthusiasm

is for us all a joy. Willie organised the publishing of a lecture on *Discipleship*, by John Coats, which he delivered at Convention in East London in 1975. The booklet was sent to all Section members.

Our Section has no paid officers for the simple reason that there is no money to do so. Some officers even have said that if paid for the work, the joy experienced in doing the work would not be the same.

The Durban Lodge moved to new premises. It now shares a house and garden with the organisers of the Krishna-murti Students.

The Johannesburg and Pretoria Lodges had an interlodge meeting in Pretoria to celebrate Clara Codd's Centenary. The meeting was opened with the prayers of all religions and then members remembered in their contributions Clara Codd. She had lived so long with us, that for those who had known her, dear Clara was present at that meeting!!

In the afternoon we discussed "The Practical Application of Theosophy". It was a good day and we were all thankful for having received the teaching of Theosophy.

ANNA BISCHOFF,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

An encouraging feature of the Scottish scene has been an upsurge of enthusiasm in Edinburgh; there has been a considerable amount of brightening up of our Headquarters building there. The meeting room has been redecorated by willing helpers, led by Adam McLean, giving a far clearer "atmosphere" for our speakers to work in.

The library too, has undergone a transformation: a considerable amount of time and effort has been put into redecorating, and providing better lighting. The bookshelves too have been rearranged to give better access, while the books which due to lack of effort over the years had tended to become displaced, have now been sorted out into

their proper places once again. This work was also done by Adam and his enthusiastic young colleagues in Edinburgh Lodge.

There has also been an encouraging upsurge in membership of Edinburgh Lodge—a number of young people have joined in the past year providing a very welcome infusion of new blood. A workshop has been formed in which various items of study (e.g., standing stones) will be undertaken, participation not being restricted to the T. S. members.

Valuable links are being formed with the local branch of the astrologers who use our rooms for their meetings.

The other lodges carry on. Glasgow suffered considerable damage during

storms in 1976, and this is still being put right.

Cecil Raw, of the North-Western Federation in England, gave a lecture tour which was well received by the lodges he visited: it is very good to have people from outside the area giving us a fresh slant on old subjects.

The finances of the Section are taking a turn for the better, after some years of expenditure exceeding income—always an uncomfortable situation. It is to be hoped that this, along with our young members, and links with other groups, will help Theosophy to expand in Scotland in the near future: all in all, hopeful auguries.

J. G. MITCHELL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

The membership of the Section hardly changes, in spite of efforts to increase it.

The Convention was held in Locarno this year and the National Committee met twice, in spring and in autumn.

The year under report was characterised by two important events. The organisation of a collective trip to Adyar for the Centenary celebrations, in which 44 persons took part (from Switzerland, France, Belgium and Austria) was the first of these events. It was a wonderful experience for those attending and strengthened their attachment to our Society and its aims.

The second event was the organisation in Montreux-Territet of the Pays Latins Summer School which was attended by 170 persons. The Council of the Theosophical Society in Europe met during the said Summer School. We had the pleasure of welcoming as our guests of

honour Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith. Several European General Secretaries as well as Mrs. Elaine Murdoch, the General Secretary of Australia, were also present. The lectures were of a very high standard and friendly links were forged among members, especially during the different excursions. The very efficient collaboration of the young people was especially important. They organised an excellent evening entertainment with an evocation based on a text by Teilhard de Chardin and an exhibition of pictures, diagrams, etc., relating the history of the Theosophical Society.

The members of the Section have presently sponsored 10 children living in the H.P.B. Free Hostel in Adyar.

GEORGES TRIPET,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

This year was particularly important, owing to the event that was the centre of the members' concern in the whole world: the Celebration of the Theosophical Society's Centenary.

The Commemoration festivities were enacted in all the Sections of the world, but more particularly in New York—where the Society was founded—and in Adyar, the International Centre.

In New York, where I proceeded as General Secretary representing Belgium, the festivities lasted seven days; they were sumptuous. At Adyar, where further festivities were celebrated on the occasion of the Christmas Convention, Madame Van der Hecht, and Mr. and Mrs. Lange (accompanied by their children) represented our country.

From the speeches that were delivered a central theme emerged, following a suggestion by Mr. Hodson, who proposed a World Kindness Campaign. The idea found an echo with Madame Van der Hecht who now devotes part of her time to spreading it, not only in Belgium, but also in a number of foreign Sections. As to Mr. and Mrs. Lange, they brought back a harvest of first quality slides, which they have screened for us not long ago.

Our National Activities.—The year 1975-76 has not lacked events worthy of being mentioned:

1. birth of a new Branch, 2. organization of the Summer School; 3. dissolution of a Branch; 4. commemoration of the Centenary; 5. current activities.

The New Branch.—We had the very great pleasure of witnessing the birth of a new Branch in Charleroi. Christened "Science of Life", this Branch already gives evidence of its vitality, by its meetings, lectures, and friendly gatherings.

The Summer School.—To Belgium fell the honour of organizing the annual meeting of the Theosophists of the Latin Countries.

The splendid weather and the location chosen for the encounters, the old Boondael Chapel—contributed to its success as potently as the programme, based on the Latent Powers. One detail, however, must be emphasized: it was the first participation, in Belgium, of the Young European Theosophists; we were all struck with their vitality, their fervour in the achievement of their task, and their eagerness to show themselves worthy of the trust we had put in them, as they were able to express themselves freely, on an equal footing with their elders.

Dissolution of a Branch.—The Board of Directors found itself forced by circumstances to wind up one of the Branches of our Section, the Unité Branch. The Board remains very attentive to the repercussion of this affair, of which our members are more or less cognizant, whether they were involved or not. In its present phase, it is submitted to the jurisdiction of Adyar.

Commemoration of the Centenary.—The Centenary of the Theosophical Society was also celebrated on our premises, where a friendly meeting brought together representatives of all the Branches of our country. Documents, records, pictures describing theosophical life in Belgium were exhibited, speeches were delivered, and the traditional cup of tea or coffee was sipped in an atmosphere in keeping with the circumstances.

In parallel with this internal activity, the Belgian radio and television networks offered me the opportunity of broadcasting a theosophical message, through picture and sound, and thus make known the existence and aims of our Society.

Current Activities.—My task as General Secretary has led me to visit the Charleroi Branch, "Science of Life", once a month.

I visited also, the Liège Branch, where I had the opportunity of presenting a summary of the New York Centenary festivities, whilst Madame Van der Hecht, who accompanied me, submitted the main features of the Adyar ceremonies.

The Ghent Branch was visited by Madame Van der Hecht who there presented the same summaries, both in my name and in hers. A delegation from Brussels and from Liège attended the Antwerp Branch, on the occasion of the Flemish-Netherlandish Day, last September. This meeting, animated by Mr. and Mme. de Wouwer and Mr. De Pauw, took place in a very friendly atmosphere.

In the course of all those journeys, I was happy to ascertain that all the provincial branches enjoy the best of health and that they carry on their specific activities in a climate of mutual understanding.

The Brussels Branches and Study Groups are also working regularly. As regards public lectures, they spread over 32 weeks with an average attendance of 35 persons.

As every other year, some lecturers coming from outside honoured our platform: the Rt. Rev. Chaplain Motmans, the Rev. Minister Quatannens, Lawyer Mallinger, Messrs. Darms, Linssen, Madame Brandt, among others.

As to the number of our members, it amounts to a total of 262. We had the pleasure of enrolling 19 new members, plus five rejoining. This is a very encouraging start for the second century of the Theosophical Society.

I thank Mr. and Mme. Lange who jointly assume the difficult task of our

bookstall, open every Saturday to all. My thanks go also to Mr. Acremant and Miss Hansez who have ensured the functioning interim of the library since the departure of Mme. Van Gils who for a long period assumed the function with the utmost care.

Parallel with these library and bookstall activities, an exhibition-and-sale week of our works was organized for the benefit of India, at the Manhattan Centre, one of the largest Brussels hotels. There, our stand occupied a privileged position, yielding the opportunity of making known the Society and its activities. A book on Theosophy has been donated to the Royal Library.

I know that every action in favour of Theosophy is a gift and that it does not ask for any thanks. Otherwise, I would need a long page of names to mention all those who work here in that spirit. None of those who are thus not mentioned will resent my mentioning Mr. and Mme. Van de Wouwer, and Messrs. De Pauw and Mertens, whose participation in the life of our Board of Direction exacts long journeys from them, and whose action and allegiance to the theosophical ideal command our gratitude. The same obtains for Mr. and Mme. Lallemand, whose unselfish activities are also to be noted. But special mention is undeniably due to our Manager, Mr. Turbet, who has accepted the maintenance of our building, has redecorated our premises and has regularly taken a personal share in the work.

May our thoughts of Peace and Kindness radiate over the world as on our whole country.

BERTHE NYSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

In composing this annual report regarding the activities of the T.S. in Indonesia (Perwathin), we report that nothing special occurred during this year ending 30th September 1976, save that we were struck by a heavy earthquake in Bali and West Irian (Irian Jaya). We have no member in West Irian yet, but in Bali some of our members there lost their houses and property as a result of that terrible earthquake. Some of our lodges have given aid to them by sending used clothes and some money, to lighten their heavy suffering.

The climax of our activities this year was the Annual Convention held in Bandung last April, which was also attended by Dr. Mrs. Jean Raymond, the Recording Secretary. Her visit was indeed a very useful one to improve especially the spirit of the Universal Brotherhood amongst the members and also to bring about more mutual understanding between Adyar and Perwathin. Unfortunately her visit was too short, so that she could not come to most of our Lodges to give lectures and have discussion. It is hoped that she will be back soon and re-visit Indonesia for a longer period.

The subscribers of our magazine *Theosophy* are increasing from 200 last year to 300 now. Most of the subscribers are members but there are also some non-members and government officers.

The selling of theosophical books in Indonesian is also improved, especially of the title *Meditation—A Practical Study* by A. Gardner. Unfortunately for the abridgment of *The Key to Theosophy* in

Indonesian, we still have had a very weak market, so until now we could not even sell 50% of the 1,000 copies financed by the NEPLFC. But we have sold more than 1,000 copies of the cheapest edition financed by ourselves. We have tried to order Quest books from Australia and have already sold out more than 50 copies with various titles within two months. Now we are putting our next order to Australia. We think there is a good prospect for the English books at the moment and during the coming years. A well-known bookshop in Jakarta sold about 10 sets of *The Secret Doctrine* within one month.

Up to date, it seems that Indonesian youth does not like Theosophy yet. It appears that youth is fond of something which can bring about instant results, not through continuous efforts and practice.

For the last five months Jakarta people are attracted by the regular demonstration of the so-called "TM" meditation through a video-T.V.-taped programme in some luxurious international hotels. Some of our members have also attended the lectures, but we do not think that they will like it in the long run, as to join the organisation one has to pay high fees.

We are now busy to set up and prepare the opening of two new lodges in East Java. It is hoped before the end of this year, we will have inaugurated those lodges.

R. S. SOEJATNO,
Presidential Agent.

BURMA

The year under review was memorable in many respects. The Centenary of the founding of the Theosophical Society was celebrated in a most appropriate manner during the year. We had also the good fortune to receive generous gifts of valuable books from unexpected sources. Also we had an unusual influx of new members. The initial impulse given on the Centenary eve to the translation work and production of books and pamphlets has gathered strength and has begun to bear fruit. Saturday study and meditation classes started during the pre-Centenary year in addition to the usual Sunday talks and discussions have also taken root and are growing in strength. All these augur well for the future progress of the work of the Burmese Section.

Membership.—The Theosophical Society, Burmese Section, is made up of 6 Lodges namely (1) Olcott Lodge (2) Youth Lodge (3) Lotus Lodge (4) Blavatsky Lodge (5) Magwe Lodge and (6) Taungdwingyi Lodge. The year opened with 80 members on the roll in the Section and ended with 112 members, showing an increase of 32 members. The increase is encouraging and speaks well of the efforts, mainly of young members, to popularize Theosophy. We should not rest complacent over these gains for there is a great deal of work to be done to consolidate them. We will have to create these new members into a solid cadre of members who are well-versed in Theosophical literature and who by their intellectual equipment, earnestness, and example can act as a constant leaven to tone up the work of the Society.

The Olcott Lodge continues to be the back-bone of the Burmese Section. The Lodge kept up its increased tempo of Saturday activities in the form of study

and meditation classes which it had started during the pre-centenary year in addition to the usual Sunday activities. I am glad to report that these classes were marked by earnestness and devotion both on the part of the leader as well as the participants. These classes were conducted by Bro Tin Hlaing. As usual, one Sunday in each month was allotted to business meetings of the Executive Committee and another to a study class on *At the Feet of the Master* conducted by Bro. Than Kyaing. The rest were devoted to talks and discussions on subjects relating to Theosophy.

Two public celebrations were held during the year. One was the Wesak Festival which fell on 12th May 1976 and the other, the Asala Festival which fell on 10th July 1976. Both of these celebrations drew to the Lodge quite a number of members of the public who would not ordinarily care to enquire what Theosophy is.

There is nothing particular to report on the activities of the other Lodges. The contemplated visit of the General Secretary and three other members to the Lodges in the district did not materialize owing to unexpected difficulties.

Gift of Valuable Books Received.—It is many years since we have been able to procure books we need from abroad owing to foreign exchange difficulties. This position was greatly eased by the generous gifts of many books from the Headquarters at Adyar during the past three or four years. But the difficulty was not fully resolved. There are many classics we need for our library. I am glad to report that during the year we have the good fortune to receive some more gifts of books from unexpected sources. This has further eased our position.

Bro. U San Mya of Taungdwingyi presented almost the whole of his private library consisting of over 400 books which he had collected since he became a member of the Society in 1916. He kept with him only a few books to read till the end of his days.

Another source of gifts was Mrs. Val A. Watmuff, a member of the Australian Section. In response to her advertisement in the *Adyar News Bulletin* May-July 1975 that she wanted to adopt a lodge in South America which she might help with books it needs, I sent her an appeal requesting her to help us. The response was immediate and generous. She has been sending us books and we have already received 25 of them. Some more are on the way. Those received include many old classics such as *Isis Unveiled*, *Theosophical Glossary*, etc., missing from our shelves and which we have been trying to replace since the end of the second World War.

I would like to mention here another donor, U Ba Ba, who donated 73 books of Buddhist Scriptures. Perhaps it was the first time our library acquired Buddhist scriptural books in such numbers.

On behalf of the Section I take this opportunity again to thank these donors as well as some of our members who presented books to the library for their kind gifts.

The Centenary Celebration and the 63rd Annual Convention.—The highlight of the year was the celebration of the Centenary of the founding of the Theosophical Society in an appropriate manner. It was held simultaneously with the 63rd Annual Convention of the Section on 17th to 19th November 1976. The celebrations were a great success, attended by members with their families and a large number of friends and well-wishers. A happy festive mood prevailed all through the celebrations. The first

convention lecture on "Theosophy in the Coming Century" was given by Bro. U Khant. The second convention lecture on "The Search of Shanti Shukha" was given by Bro. Dr. Ba Thi. The symposium on the subject "What efforts should we make to spread Theosophy in Burma in the coming Century?" was very lively. Many members participated in it and contributed many valuable suggestions. On behalf of the Section I take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all the members concerned for all their unstinted service and sacrifice and to all our friends and sympathisers for their help.

Thingagyun Land.—There is nothing to add to the report made last year. The case is still pending before the Court.

The Burma Educational Trust.—The appeal to Government to release the acquisitioned Trust building and the frozen bank account is also still pending decision.

Finance.—The Audited Abstract of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 1976 shows an Opening Balance of K. 4,276-58 and Closing Balance of K. 5,011-44, giving a surplus of K. 734-86 as against a surplus of K. 398-76 in the previous year.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—On the Centenary of the founding of the Society the Burma Section donated K. 1,000/- to the following as a token of our reverence for the four major religions in the world namely, Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam.

- (1) The Most Rev. Ashin Ananda (The Most Rev. Friedrich V. Lustig, Lilac Poet Laureate.) K. 250-00
- (2) (a) The Tamil School, Kamayut „ 125-00
- (b) The Tamil School, Thaketa „ 125-00

(3) The Muslim Women's Religious Centre, 455-B, Theinbyu Road, Rangoon.	„ 250-00
(4) Home for the Aged Sisters of Reparation, 539, Theinbyu Road, Rangoon.	„ 250-00
Total	K. 1000-00

Another notable service was the bringing out of a Centenary Number, a 47-page cyclostyled booklet in English and Burmese on 17-11-75, edited by Bro. Tin Hlaing. This was followed by a translation in Burmese of *The Yoga of Light* of Mr. G. Hodson by Bro. Tin Aye and by compilations in Burmese of talks on (a) Thought Power and Its Use (b) The Path of Discipleship (c) Meditation and (d) Mental Body by Bro. Tin Hlaing. As the translations are still in the tentative state the distribution is restricted to members only. With the experience gained from the foregoing works it is hoped we shall be able to resume the translation of *The Key to Theosophy* suspended for the time being due to technical difficulties.

Obituary.—Although it is not technically within the scope of this report, allow me to report a sad event, the death of Bro. U San Mya of Taungdwingyi on 16-10-76. He was the oldest member in the Section, being over 85 years old when he died.

He joined the Society in 1916 and had to his credit 60 years of devoted service for the Cause.

Conclusion.—As a result of the efforts of young members many new members have come into the Society and we welcome them with joy. It is our Karma that has brought us to the Society and it is our Karma (actions) alone that will help us achieve our purpose of joining the Society, which is to seek Truth and realize it. Truth is to be sought by study, by reflection, by purity of life and by devotion to high ideals. This process of search and realization has to be effected by two complementary actions. The search begins with study and reflection and this has to be complemented by actually living the truth one has grasped. This living has again to be effected by two complementary actions, self-control, self-purification and self-culture on the one hand, and self-sacrifice and service for others on the other. We cannot neglect either. Both must be equally and fully developed in a harmonious way. Life is brief and those who are brought into contact with the Theosophical Society have open before them an opportunity in the spiritual sense which may not immediately repeat itself. So let us, both old and new members, take this to heart and not allow the opportunity slip through our hands.

KYAW SEIN,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

The year under report was on the whole a year of effective work in the Austrian Section.

The Centenary of the Society was celebrated in Vienna on the 15th and 16th November, 1975. There was a

social gathering on the afternoon of the 15th, dedicated to remembrances of the beginnings of the Austrian Section and its early workers, and a festival meeting on the morning of the 16th with an address of the General Secretary on the tasks

of the Society today. Nearly one hundred members from all parts of Austria and some invited guests attended.

The Centenary Convention at Adyar was attended by three members of the National Council.

The Summer School for the German-speaking region at Pichl, Austria, (15th-22nd September), presided over by the Vice-Chairman of the European Federation, was attended by 78 members from seven different countries. The International President was present during the whole week. The main theme was "Applied Theosophy—Today".

The "Adyar-Verlag" published a German translation of Dr. de Purucker's *The Mahatmas and Genuine Occultism* and a reprint of the translation of Dr. Bendit's *Man Incarnate*. Reprints of *The Voice of the Silence*, *At the Feet of the Master* and Dr. Besant's *The Doctrine of the Heart* are in the press, as well as the German edition of *The Universal*

Flame—the last mentioned with a printer in England, as the book is published in cooperation with the T.P.H. London. The General Secretary and the Treasurer attended the International Publishing Conference at Huizen in September where a cooperation with the Vasanta Press at Adyar could be initiated.

Membership of the Section is stable at about 240 members since nearly 10 years, oscillating between 233 (1971) and 246 (1973), about 15 new members coming in every year, and about the same number going out by deaths, resignations and lapsings.

The Branches worked regularly throughout the year. In the Branch Graz the emphasis was more on workshops and discussion groups than on lectures. The audience contained more younger people than in former years.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielson and I visited our branch in Trondheim in the end of June, where we both held lectures during our three days' stay. Last summer I attended a meeting of our branch in Bergen and found it very important to get in personal contact with the members of the Society throughout the country to further our co-operation. It will take time, however, to find and engage

new, young members in our work. In fact, this is a most pressing need at present. Nevertheless, I am confident that the theosophical ideas will be spread and grasped by modern human minds even more easily than before, as science and research have proved so many of Madame H.P.B.'s statements to be true.

HILDA FRASER,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

Dissolved

DENMARK

The greatest event during the past year, was the celebration of the 100th Anniversary. In the centre in Copenhagen we celebrated the birthday with a talk by General Secretary Preben Sørensen. We also listened to classical and modern music and saw Indian dance. We received many congratulations and presents. One of our old members, Mrs. Laura Jensen, who was one of the initiators of the building-fund, gave the Section 25.000 d. Kr. in stocks.

Twenty-two members of the Danish Section joined together with 3000 theosophists from all over the World, for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary in Adyar.

Fifty-one people have joined the Section the past year, making a total membership of 380.

On 26th August, a new lodge called Arundale Lodge was formed in Copenhagen. The Section now has 16 lodges.

In the Centre in Copenhagen we continued every Tuesday and Saturday

with public lectures. A series of lectures on Tuesday have the same main title as last season: "Theosophy—A Philosophy of Life", and are presented by a few experienced member lecturers. On Saturday we have a variety of titles, and often we invite lecturers from related movements or members from the provinces to come and speak. Our public lectures are well attended, and many new people show up all the time.

The annual meeting was held at Gammel Praestegaard on 14th May. According to our rules, a General Secretary must not be in office for more than six years so Preben Sørensen retired and Hardy Bennis was elected as General Secretary and Mrs. Inga Sørensen as Vice-General Secretary. On the whole, the past year has been a very active one, and there has been a fine interchange among lodges.

HARDY BENNIS,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

On the whole we here in Dublin have had a very busy and stirring year. A great deal of interest has been shown and attendances at lectures have been good. Membership has risen and two people who were members years ago have returned to the fold: the well-known artist, Mr. Arthur Power, and Mr. Arnold Marsh. Two of our younger members, Mr. Paul Egan and Miss Noreen Clancy left to live in Toronto. These two were hard-working and of the greatest help.

Two members, Mr. Roger Parris and Mr. John O'Neill, are running a class for enquirers.

We had intended to end the Centenary year in a blaze of glory with Mr. Anthony Fitzpatrick telling us his experiences at the celebrations in New York; unfortunately illnesses of various kinds swept like a prairie fire through the Executive Committee and all activities had to be cancelled. Added to that, we have been having very severe weather with snow, and will not now hold our opening meeting till February.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

The lodge studies are the same as they were last year. The seven lodges in Mexico City each meet at the Headquarters on a different day of the week. On Sundays at mid-day, Sun Lodge is studying Dr. Taimni's book *Self-Culture* under the guidance of Mr. Henry Aldag. Monday evenings, Buddha Lodge is holding a course on Advance Theosophy directed by Young Theosophist José Cruz Ramirez. Plotino Lodge joins in this.

On Wednesdays, Mercurio Lodge meets led by Dr. Miguel Romero; Thursdays, Mr. Alfonso Morales leads Aura Lodge in a study of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*; Hermes Lodge meets on Fridays with Mr. Javier Mayagoita leading.

Saturday evenings there is a series of three meetings: first, one on Advanced Theosophy led by José Cruz Ramirez for members; followed by a class on Elementary Theosophy for new members, conducted by Armando Alvares, who is also a Young Theosophist; and lastly a lecture on Hindu Philosophy by José Cruz Ramirez for the public. This last is advertised at University City on big wall posters.

In December the Annual Convention was held, with representatives of all the lodges in the Section attending.

There are thirteen other lodges and one study centre in the country, carrying on a study of various theosophical books.

JUANA S. DE SUÁREZ DEL REAL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

In February, 1976, The Theosophical Society in Canada received letters patent dated May 14, 1975, recorded February 11, 1976, authorizing its incorporation under the laws of Canada. Its new status will make little difference to the day-to-day operations of the T.S. in Canada. However, we have taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by the change to draft new By-Laws which are more relevant to the needs of the Society today. We have also made application to the Department of National Revenue to be registered for income tax purposes.

Now that we are incorporated we are obligated by law to hold an Annual Meeting of members. It is to be hoped that, as the years pass and we move the Annual Meeting around from centre to centre, this might become the occasion of a Convention, of which there have been

very few in the history of the Canadian Section. The first Annual Meeting, where this report is being presented, is being held in Victoria, the location of our two western most lodges.

The work of The Theosophical Society in Canada was variously hampered during the year by a lengthy postal strike and other problems. By and large, however, our activities have proceeded satisfactorily.

The major event of the past year was, of course, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Theosophical Society. A number of Canadian members joined approximately 800 others from all over the world to celebrate the event in New York City, the birthplace of the Society in 1875. They were assisted by a fund which had been established several years before to encourage Canadian participation in the official Centenary celebrations.

The Centenary was recognized in a number of different ways in Canada, mainly at the lodge level, whereby the individual lodges devised programmes of a nature that would appeal to their members.

One Centenary project of the Theosophical Society in Canada was started, it will be recalled, several years ago, when a substantial interest-free loan was made to The Theosophical Society in America to assist in the publication of *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings*. Originally, it had been hoped that this assistance would enable the Theosophical Publishing House to produce Volume XI in time for the Centennial; happily, this book was made available to the public as early as 1973. Then, thanks to the efforts of the compiler of the *Collected Writings*, Boris de Zirkoff, and the publishers, yet another volume appeared by November, 1975. This is the new edition of *From the Caves and Jungles of Hindostan*.

A Centenary issue of our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, was well received by members and subscribers. It contained selections from *The Lamp*, which was the first Theosophical magazine published in Canada, and from early issues of *The Canadian Theosophist*. If nothing else, this brief look at the past helped us realize how much we owe to the strength of character and other qualities of the early students of Theosophy in Canada.

Another Centennial project first mooted several years ago was for the Canadian Section to publish a worthwhile theosophical book that was out of print. This idea was abandoned because of prohibitive costs. However, our investigations in respect to this proposed project drew attention to the fact that the various theosophical publishing concerns are now keeping book sellers' shelves well stocked with books which up to a few

years ago had been virtually unobtainable, even in a second-hand condition, for half a century or more. An alternative was finally adopted, whereby assistance was given the Blavatsky Institute of Canada to publish a new edition of Dudley Barr's *Theosophy An Attitude Toward Life*.

Over the years the programme of the T.S. in Canada has emphasized the importance of dependable theosophical literature. It was in keeping with this policy, therefore, that ten years or more ago we began a project which was to offer to place without charge in Canadian university libraries requesting this service, all the works of H. P. Blavatsky. A continuation of this project was called for by the aforementioned publication in 1975 of *From the Caves and Jungles of Hindostan*, and the placement was completed early this year. In total, this project has now dispensed several hundred volumes to Canadian universities, and it can only be hoped that they have had their due effect.

The publication of the first volume of the writings of William Quan Judge, entitled *Echoes of the Orient*, was another outstanding theosophical literary event of the Centenary Year. To mark this occasion, the T.S. in Canada purchased a copy for the library of each lodge in the Section.

We are now in the second century of the Theosophical Society, and the work begun by the Founders is as vital and necessary today as it was a hundred years ago. We are faced with unique problems in this country, and those we cannot solve we shall have to live with. But the opportunities are here, and we must try, and keep on trying, to use them to further the cause of Theosophy in Canada.

TED G. DAVY,
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

The last quarter of 1975 was marked by the preparations for the Centennial Celebrations, with the outstanding meeting on November 17th. All the lodges made special celebrations; in the towns with several lodges the activities were carried on in common. Meetings for members, debates and public lectures were delivered in several places for a whole week. Some of the acts were followed by social meetings.

During the holidays—January, February and part of March—several camps were held, like the one organized by Lodge Himalaya and the one prepared by the Federation of Young Theosophists. The Round Table organized a camp for children, which lasted for three days.

After the holiday season, the lodges started their meetings, developing different programmes. Apart from these particular activities, work gatherings were held in the cities of San Rafael, Mendoza, San Juan, Rio Cuarto, Córdoba, Tucumán and Rosario. A large audience was present at all these meetings, with a high percentage of young people. The sale of theosophical books reached record figures and there is a great demand for our literature, in spite of the highly unfavourable economic conditions of the country. Buenos Aires is planning a National Doctrinary Congress to be held in November.

Several trips were made by the General Secretary, visiting almost all the lodges, including the one in Asunción, Paraguay, attached to the Argentine Section. He travelled with different members, one Young Theosophist being always part of the party. The Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists was represented at all the gatherings, having an active part in the programmes. The General Secretary's visits included administrative meetings for members and public talks.

The outstanding feature this year was the presence of the World President as the Guest Speaker at our Summer School. He had a busy week there, taking part in team studies, having meetings with the young people, answering questions to all the members and delivering lectures. He opened the Annual Congress and closed it with a short talk on the real work of the T.S. Then, he started a tour through several cities, delivering public and private talks. His presence in Argentina was highly positive for our work and he left followed by the thanks and love of all the members.

During this year we had 83 new members, making up a total of 893 members in the Section.

JUAN VIÑAS,
General Secretary.

CHILE

During the period between 30.6.1975 and 1.7.1976 the T.S. in Chile was working regularly, as well in the lodges by spreading Theosophy by means of talks given in the towns of Santiago and Valparaíso. Interviews of some members

by radio and press were good propaganda as also were the weekly publications in reviews and newspapers. Increasing numbers of people are coming to our lecture halls to get information about our principles. The courses on

basic Theosophy are continuing to teach the doctrine and attracting new members.

The number of members appears not to have increased due to the fact that previously people were registered as such who neither attended meetings nor paid any fees. In agreement with the Directing Committee, lodges not complying with the theosophical principles were declared "sleeping". We are convinced that the actually registered members are genuine.

Two groups of young students of Theosophy have been formed. Some of them have applied for membership and joined the lodges, others are continuing to work independently.

Our Society celebrated the Centenary publicly during four days, giving talks, concerts, and slides shows, all of which attracted a lot of visitors. Chile was represented by delegates at the Cente-

nary celebrations in New York and in India.

During this year we had nine meetings of the Directing Committee and one Convention. The main subjects on which we have been deliberating were, among others, to form committees in the lodges in order to carry out the study and modification of the national rules and regulations. When we shall have finished the analysis, we will proceed to a plebiscite for approval. Besides, we agreed upon reintroducing the article admitting free members, which in the previous period had been suspended.

Furthermore, I want to inform you that Chile has formed a group of members affiliated to the St. Michael Centre in Huizen, Netherlands. This channel of light is extremely beneficent for our country.

RAQUEL E. DE MODROW,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

The period corresponding to the last administrative year of the Theosophical Society in Brazil was characterized by a great productivity, registering considerable intensification of work in all sectors, demonstrated as follows:

Number of Members.—There is a total of 1,024 members representing an increase of 7.1% compared with the previous year. In the course of the last three years progress is as follows:

1974 - 810 members
1975 - 956 „
1976 - 1024 „ (increase of 17.17 %)

There have been 11 deaths (1.2%); 106 lapsed (10.2%); 203 new members (7.02%).

Lodges and Study Centres.—Now 38 Lodges and two Study Centres are

functioning in Brazil, two remaining inactive.

There are also many groups of Young Theosophists in activity.

Commemorations of the First Centenary of the T.S.—All the Lodges and Study Centres spread over Brazilian territory commemorated with special solemnity the event of the first Centenary of the foundation of the T.S.

In Rio de Janeiro, Headquarters of the National Section, during the week of November 10 to 17, 1975 there were daily meetings, culminating at 6 p.m. on November 17 with the Magna Section held in the Auditorium of the National School of Music. At this meeting we heard fine music, and saw the presentation of Diplomas of the *Order of the White Lotus* to Theosophists with 25 years

affiliation to the T. S., and a special allocation by the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Brazil. This meeting was attended by more than 200 people.

Publications.—In this sector, the great achievement was the publication, in Portuguese, of the greatest book of H. P. Blavatsky—*The Secret Doctrine*, excellently translated by Brother Raymundo Mendes Sobral, and published by Editora Civilização Brasileira. The edition of 3,000 press copies was exhausted in only three months, which gives an idea of the interest, not only of the Theosophists, but also of the general public.

Besides this, the publisher, in agreement with the T.S. also published the following books: *The Eternal Wisdom* and *The Voice of the Silence* by H. P. Blavatsky; *An Introduction to Yoga* by Annie Besant; *The Life of H. P. Blavatsky* by A. P. Sinnett; *The Conquest of the Eternal* by Felix Bermudes.

The publisher "O Pensamento" has published: *Man: Whence, How and Whither* by C. W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant; *The Other Side of Death* by C. W. Leadbeater; and the publisher, directed by Sister Carmen Pizza published: *Theosophy—Key to Understanding* by Eunice and Felix Layton and *Basic Course of Theosophy* by Imogene Simons.

"*O Teosofista*".—The publication of the official organ of the T.S. has continued in normal rhythm since 1974 and is issued every three months. Last year there was a special issue commemorating the Centenary with more than 100 pages, in colour, with various good contributions. This edition, as well as the others, has been sent to Adyar and to all the General Secretaries of foreign Sections. We try to maintain a high editorial level in our magazine, in an attempt to stimulate and develop theosophical work in all forms among us.

To Those who Left.—Among the Brothers who left during this period for the higher planes, we especially mention the name of our beloved Brother Armando Sales who was many times General Secretary of the Section, and was also the founder of the magnificent Theosophical Centre *Raja*, in Itapecerica da Serra, São Paulo.

Trip to India for the Centenary.—Brazil could not be alienated from the commemoration of the first Centenary of the T.S. Foundation in Adyar. For this reason, a delegation of 48 Brazilian Theosophists headed by the General Secretary of the Section, Brother Murillo Nunes de Azevedo, travelled to India and there, besides being in contact with the traditional aspects of the country, had the opportunity to become friendly with T.S. members from many other countries who were present at the General Headquarters of the T.S. in Adyar.

Moreover, the Brazilian travellers contacted the Lodges in New Delhi, Benares, Agra and Madras, in which Brother Murillo had the opportunity of lecturing. At the 100th International Convention of the Theosophical Society, Brother Murillo also gave lectures, one being on "Theosophy in Human Engineering".

One of the highest points of the Brazilian Theosophists' trip to India was the personal contact with the leaders of the T.S., for example, with the International President, Brother John B. S. Coats, the Vice-President, Sister Joy Mills, the General Secretary of the Indian Section, Sister Radha Burnier, the great Philosopher, Brother I. K. Taimni, Sister Rukmini Devi Arundale and many others.

Another fact worthy of mention was the special audience given by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, to the Brazilian delegation, in New Delhi, where she was greeted by Brother Murillo.

In Adyar, the Brazilian group was received by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, who had been specially invited for the Centenary and who delivered a speech at the International Convention.

Course on "The Secret Doctrine".—During the year of 1975, on Wednesdays, the Section gave a series of lectures on the greatest work of Blavatsky, the main objective being to stimulate the study of Theosophy on a high level.

Important Visitors.—In May of this year, we were visited by the International President of the T.S., Brother John B. S. Coats, who coming from Argentina, began his activities in Brazil in Porto Alegre, and from there proceeding to Curitiba, arrived in Rio on May 4, remaining with us for a week and lecturing every evening at the National Headquarters of the T.S. From Rio he travelled to other parts of Brazil—Belo Horizonte, Brasilia and São Paulo, where he stayed a week, and then on to Paraguay.

Ecumenism.—The work of the Section has been characterized by a great awakening of religious thought. Various Catholic priests, Protestant preachers, Buddhist monks, Spiritualist leaders and others have lectured in our Lodges. The General Secretary, Brother Murillo Nunes de Azevedo, lectured in many churches, Catholic monasteries and synagogues.

Thankfulness.—We thank all our brothers in the Administration, the Presidents of Lodges and all T.S. members who in some way contributed to the work of the T.S. in Brazil.

If the completed work is of any value, it is due to the utmost cooperation of everyone. May the Great Beings, whose disciples we desire to be, continue to inspire all with their wisdom, protecting us with their Blessings.

MURILLO NUNES DE AZEVEDO,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

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SPAIN

The number of our members is about 250, with tendency to increase rather than to decrease, as a result of the promotional work which is done during the year.

From the Latin American Federation we receive 200 copies of their Bulletin

America Teosofica, paying their cost, which serves as a link among our members and puts them in relation with the theosophical world. From Mexico, Peru and the named Federation we receive all sorts of theosophical publications, which are sold as soon as we receive them.

A group of 15 members attended the Latin Summer School held at Territet-Montreux, Switzerland, with great satisfaction. Just now, the Young Theosophists of these Latin countries, about 30, have come to Barcelona for a week-end, and the Group "Unité", formed in 1972, has mixed with young people here, with great joy for us all, because it has been the first international theosophical gathering since our civil war.

Such a gathering has been honoured by the presence of our dear President of the European Federation, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, who has delivered a most interesting lecture in the premises of the Asociación de Amigos de la India en España, to an audience of one hundred persons, mostly young people, who could

appreciate the high level of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, from the beginning up to the present day. She kept us enchanted for more than an hour.

In summer we organize gatherings in the country. Some of our workers are lecturing during the year on the Ancient Wisdom in cultural centres. Besides the work of lecturing and books and circulars with translations, a Section of the T.O.S. has been formed which has translated into Spanish with copies for all members and sympathizers the work of the Campagne de la Bonté, received from the Belgium Section.

S. TORRA PALA,
Presidential Agent.

PORTUGAL

During the year under report the work of the Theosophical Society in Portugal has continued without much change.

We have celebrated, as always, all great theosophical events, such as Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. We maintained public meetings at the Headquarters almost every week.

Among the chief lectures we must refer to the following: "Philosophy and Theosophy," by Prof. Délio N. Santos; "Theosophy and Education," by Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco; "Theosophy and Religion," by Dr. Lia Carmo; "Theosophy and Society," by Mr. A. Castro Ferreira; "Theosophy and Science," by Mr. Victor Martini; "Theosophy and Art," by Dr. Manuel Serpa Branco; "Theosophy and its Students," by the Arch. Jorge Santos Baptista.

There were also some symposia specially about "A Century of Theosophy," which had good participation by the young people.

During the year, Dr. Cesina Bermudes in the meetings of her Lodge (Annie Besant) presented a Portuguese translation of all the lectures given at the Summer School of Brussels, which were commented upon by the members who were present. We emphasize the opportunity and importance of this contribution, as it gave to the members who were unable to go to the Summer School, the possibility to appreciate these lectures in Portuguese.

Our Brother Délio Nobre Santos, in the meetings of Branches Koot Hoomi and Lotus Branco spoke about "Theosophical Aspects of Christianity."

In the Christmas Festival, we had again a beautiful gathering, a public one, offered by the Lodge of Evora, presided over by our Vice-President, Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco. The programme consisted of music, a puppet-show, poetry, which delighted children and adult people. This Lodge is always giving a good contribution attracting,

through the line of art, many young people who become members of the T. S. afterwards.

Our Section has also celebrated the Centenary of the Theosophical Society. We had many preparatory meetings and symposia under the title "A Hundred Years of Theosophy," and we must emphasize the work of the young members, who helped in the presentation of the lectures, extracts of the great theosophical works and the exhibition of the film "The Universal Flame".

Concerning the lodges, we must report, that our Section kept the same number (13) as in the last Report, but one of them, in the north of Portugal—Lodge Krishnamurti, is still dormant. We have the great pleasure to report that some of the other lodges, which were weak in the last few years, are working now with enthusiasm under the direction of younger members, for instance Lodge Isis directed by our Brother Victor Martini dos Santos Quelhas and Lodge Figanier presided over by our Brother Alberto Gastro Ferreira.

Lodge Amor, Verdade e Beleza, which had its beginning in Algarve (the South of Portugal) is working now with many members and its meetings are alternatively at Lagos (Algarve) and in Lisbon.

Lodges Koot-Hoomi and Lotus Branco are still working together by the wishes of their members and it is planned this year to continue the study

of the subject: Christianity in the Light of Theosophy.

In July we closed our activities with a very interesting meeting—a symposium on the Commemoration of the Centenary of The Theosophical Society in the Portuguese Section and a musical programme with music of Wagner and Mozart.

Concerning the Summer Schools, two of our members could attend the meeting of the English School in Cardiff and seven other members could attend the meetings of the French Summer School at Territet-Montreux. The signer of this Report could not attend the Summer Schools, but took part, with other Portuguese members, in other theosophical gatherings at Huizen and in England. The signer had also the privilege to attend the meetings of the Celebration of the Centenary of the Theosophical Society, in New York, by the invitation of the International Organisation of the Congress, to which we must send our most sincere public thanks.

Concerning membership, we had 214 members on the 1st October 1975 and presently we have 260 (53 new members, 4 deaths, 4 lapsings).

So, we have reasons to be optimistic and to face the future with hope and confidence.

MARIA GUILHERMINA NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

For the period under review, the year's work began with the 53rd Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in Wales which was held in October 1975 at Colwyn Bay. Our Guest of

Honour was Dr. Hugh Shearman of Belfast, and the theme combined both Theosophy and the Society under the title of "Pervading the World". As always there was a happy coming

together of old friends, and it was a very pleasant time.

Like every other Section of the Society, the crown of the year's work was the Centenary Celebration, and at Headquarters the Guest was Mrs. Elsie Benjamin whose visit was greatly appreciated. The actual celebrations at Cardiff were presided over by the National Treasurer, as the General Secretary and his wife represented Wales at the New York Congress—itself a grand experience. On his return to Wales the General Secretary circulated a report upon the Congress to all members.

Membership of the Section has fluctuated to some extent during the year, and indeed has dropped, but in general terms the membership is still fairly satisfactory particularly when it is realised that there is seldom any great enthusiasm for joining of organisations where one is expected to work upon oneself.

From a local point of view the most exciting happening of the year was the

foundation of Anglesey Lodge which was granted its Charter on May 1st 1976, having a membership of 14. Its rise from a tiny group, to a Centre, and then to full Lodge is due to concentrated hard work and determination on the part of all the members, but especially to the leadership and warm friendship which the President and Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. McGough, offer to all who come their way.

In Swansea the small group still meets, but experiences difficulty in making progress.

Some outside work has been done by the General Secretary in delivering lectures to the teachers of various yoga groups in South Wales during the year, and it is hoped that the teaching will be passed to a much wider group.

All in all it has proved to be an interesting and profitable year.

CHARLES JAMES,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

During the years 1975-1976 our Society has been very active. The eleven lodges have held their respective regular study meetings with the assistance of members and visitors.

On the occasion of the Centenary of our Society there were public lectures and all the members cooperated fraternally in order that all the events were bright, resembling previous ones and remembering the inspiring forces, the leaders and all

the brothers that have helped and taught us through the years.

Four active members of the Uruguay Section attended the Centenary celebrations held in New York and in Adyar in November and December 1975. Brother Mario Dobal officially represented Uruguay at both events. He also acted as a Delegate of Uruguay at the F.T.I. Congress held in New York in November 1975.

When Brother Dobal came back, he offered detailed interesting information in four public lectures illustrated by means of slides showing the most important moments of this special event. The audience, a real crowd, followed the lectures with great interest.

In April we had the privilege to receive the visit of the World President, Brother John Coats, who offered public lectures for the members. Our knowledge was enriched by means of his experience and teaching and he showed us how it is possible to give an example of knowledge and brotherhood.

In compliance with the request from Adyar a committee has been appointed to study the revision of our Rules.

We have celebrated the official dates of our Society, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Foundation Day, with special acts that commemorate the above mentioned events.

Membership.—The membership in the year under report amounts to 190. We have 36 new members, on the other side there are 26 lapsings. Many of these have gone to live abroad specially in Argentine.

Library.—This is a very active part. Members are very much interested in reading. They ask for advice about the title of books where they can read the subjects they are interested in. Amongst the books they ask for more often are: *The Secret Doctrine* of H. P. B. and books dealing with natural living.

Number 9 of the magazine *Teosofia en Uruguay* has appeared, is offered freely to the members and is edited and published by the General Secretary Justo V. de la Vega. The last issue includes articles translated into Spanish by sisters of our Section from *The Theosophist* Centenary issue.

We regret that the Annual Convention which ought to have been held in August last has not taken place yet because now we are requested to get a special license from the Authorities of the Government of Uruguay and it has not been granted. We hope it will be granted before the end of December.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

Several activities have taken place this year as follows:

1. The translations from English into Spanish of radio talks is going on and many of them have already been used in our radio programmes.

2. Our Section Review *Heraldo Teosofico* is well known in Latin America.

3. A good representation (twelve members) from our Section was present at the Centenary World Congress in New York.

4. The Study Group of Ponce was organized as a new Branch called *Sendero de Luz*.

5. The three dissolved Branches of San Juan were reorganized as one Branch called *La Voz del Silencio*. Its meeting day is Wednesday from 8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

6. Another Study Group was organized and its meeting day is Saturday from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

7. Special programmes were held on November 17, and May 8, 1976. We consider commemorative days good occasions to give special theosophical messages.

8. At our Annual Convention held on April 25, 1976 we had very good

attendance. A conference conducted by Dr. Miguel A. Charneco on psychology and its harmony with the theosophical ideas was well accepted. I was re-elected General Secretary of the Section for the second and last period of two years.

9. Revision to our By-Laws was approved by Adyar and a Special Assembly of our Section was called for October 10, 1976 to consider the amendments.

ARAMIS LOPEZ TIRADO,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

The most significant event of our Section was surely the attendance at the World Congress in New York and the Centenary Celebrations at Adyar by the General Secretary, and three members of the Branch Service. It seems that the specific atmosphere which was created by so many meetings throughout the world drew to the Theosophical Society many new members. Our Section showed an increase to 100 members over last year's figure of 89.

The Annual Convention was held in Zagreb on May 8th. A representative of youth was not elected for our Section as young people are incorporated into the work of the Executive Committee, Supervisory Committee, in publishing work, in translation activities, and in organizing the Summer School. Any feelings of distinction between old and young are absolutely absent. We work as a family.

The representative of the Order of Service was not re-elected as in our country all activities by that title are under the auspices of the government.

Summer School was a success and brought in three new members.

Our Vice-President, Brother Stjepan Bence, passed away on September 7th. We called a session of the Executive Committee and elected Brother Marjan Osman to the post. The General Secretary gave her report on the Adyar Celebration and her tour through India. At noon everyone stood and listened to the bells toll from the nearby church. Brother Rajko Konec sang mantras. It was very uplifting.

Sections carried on a full programme of lectures and discussions, using such books for study as Dr. Taimni's *Self-Culture* and Dr. Besant and Mr. Leadbeater's *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, Vol. I.

The members of the Branches Harmony (Zagreb) and Service (Ljubljana) meet once a week, which the members of Branches Truth (Beograd) and Understanding (Celje), meet only twice a month. The presidents of the branches are fully free to choose their theme for lecture or discussion.

The General Secretary visited all four branches and gave talks to the members present at the meetings.

We are eagerly looking forward to receiving the official approval of our work

from the Government, to enable us to finalize our Rules and Regulations, open bank accounts, and so on.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,
General Secretary.

SRI LANKA

The years under review have been years of change. The National President, Bro. F. H. P. Joseph, left us to join his family in Australia and Bro. T. R. Rustomjee was appointed as National President.

In 1973, the National Section inaugurated a Lodge in Kandy called Santhana Lodge, with a small membership; they have been unable to sustain the work however. Besant Lodge has worked actively and keenly under the direction of Bro. G. J. R. Samarasinghe. Annual seminars were held at Hunupitiya and Kandy. Lotus Lodge has also met with regularity, under the direction of Bro. E. Reveri-Perera and Bro. H. Reveri, keen and devoted Theosophists. Shanti Marga Lodge has continued the good work under the guidance of Bro. A. P. Sugathadas and the energetic secretary Bro. G. A. Mendis. The outstanding contribution of this Lodge was a Sinhala translation of *At the Feet of the Master*. The cost of printing has been borne by it, even though its membership has been small. This effort is to be specially commended as a labour of devotion to the cause.

Many unattached members have enrolled to make use of the library facility. Lectures of interest delivered were a lecture by Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Presidential Agent of Pakistan, in 1973 and many lectures by Bro. Theja Guna-

wardhana, our National Secretary, who left us to take up duties as Ambassador for Sri Lanka in Pakistan in October 1975. Bro. Melodie de Silva took over her duties as Acting National Secretary.

The International President, Bro. John Coats, visited us in April 1976 for an all-too-short visit; he left us with the promise of returning to help reorganize the work in Sri Lanka.

The Centenary celebrations were held at Museum College Hall on 17th November 1975, a fair gathering being present; Bro. T. R. Rustomjee presided.

Monthly meetings have been regularly held at Besant Hall, the headquarters of T.S. This has made the general membership aware of the needs of the Section, which resulted in the repairing of the outer hall, due to their support.

In closing we have to thank our National President, Bro. T. R. Rustomjee, for his generous support for the years under review. Let us move forward with renewed hope and understanding, to maintain the work in hand. As every Theosophist knows, none of us should live for ourselves alone, we all live for humanity, each a tiny part which makes up the totality of Life.

MELODIE DE SILVA,
National Secretary.

GREECE

The Greek Theosophical Section, established in 1928, has been working regularly during the whole year. Up to 30-9-1976 the serial regimental number of our members is one thousand four hundred (1400). Our active members are two hundred and thirty-seven (237), of which a hundred and forty (140) are men and ninety-seven (97) are women; one hundred and seventy-five (175) of them are residing in Athens and sixty-two (62) in other parts of Greece. There are four (4) active Lodges in Athens and

one (1) in Salonica; we have three (3) meetings of Lodges a week in Athens.

Unfortunately our finances are not good enough.

We succeeded in publishing the translation in Greek of *Reincarnation*, written by Irving Cooper. We have been publishing our magazine *Ilissos* for the twenty-first (21st) year; three thousand and three hundred persons have taken out a subscription to *Ilissos*.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

In October 1975, as a part of the celebrations in Central America, the General Secretary visited all the countries of the area in order to form brotherly relations and exchange impressions with the brothers. We think we had very good results.

During the same month, B. Jorge Fonseca Tortós visited the countries of El Salvador and Guatemala and gave in each of them public talks, which aroused great interest among brothers and visitors.

Luis and Nora Spairani visited all the Central American countries. They held several meetings with lodge members and gave public talks, four of which were in the University of Costa Rica, one in the T.S. quarters and two in the conference hall of the newspaper *La Nación*.

In November 1975 in all the countries, special meetings were held on the 17th, when visitors were admitted. In Costa Rica there were 72 people including members and visitors.

For that occasion the lodges of Costa Rica made a flag to decorate the main hall of our HQ. It is made of clear

yellow satin and the seal is violet-coloured.

Four members from Costa Rica attended the Congress in New York. Unfortunately, other members of the other lodges of the isthmus were not able to attend.

One member from Costa Rica and one from Nicaragua were present at the celebrations in Adyar. Both of them as well as the four others came home full of enthusiasm and the feeling of peace and love, which were prevailing at both events.

In April 1976 Costa Rica held theosophical meetings at its Headquarters in San José, which were also attended by two members from El Salvador and one from Nicaragua. Costa Rica has held summer schools and theosophical meetings for the last four years with wonderful results. It is a means to get to know each other and to cultivate brotherhood, both in a positive and creative form.

In June 1976 the International President, Br. John Coats, visited Central America and Panama excluding Honduras. From

the reports received from all those countries we saw that his appearance and his talks were received with great enthusiasm. For Panama it was particularly beneficial as in spite of the rather weak lodge there and great inconveniences we just received four applications of new members who had listened to his talk and continued to attend the lodge meetings and for whom now diplomas as active members have been asked.

All the countries and lodges of the isthmus have worked regularly, although the lodges Sadhana, Luz and Tegucigalpa had some difficulties in attendance for health reasons.

Guatemala.—They worked very well and the membership increased slightly. As already mentioned, they held a special Centenary meeting.

The Lodge Gnosis reports that during the year they have practiced the rotating leadership in their meetings in order to get some brothers trained.

That country had to endure a terrific earthquake on the 4th February, and all the other countries tried to give them any possible assistance. The lodges of all countries—with a special contribution of the General Secretary—did their best to alleviate the distress of our brothers in those painful moments.

As previously reported, the Australian Order of Service contributed with a valuable economic support.

El Salvador.—Here also the work was satisfactory and the membership increased slightly.

Nicaragua.—The same can be reported as above.

Costa Rica.—We can say that in the light of the visits of Mr. John Coats, Luis and Nora Spairani and Juan Viñas there could be noticed great interest and a spiritual awakening in many people. Several new members have joined and there is a constant number of visitors, many of whom are preparing themselves during several months to apply for membership.

During the visit of Br. John Coats took place the official foundation of the Round Table Order as well as of the International Group of Young Theosophists.

The average attendance at the three lodges of San José is 22 people, and each lodge is holding basic courses in Theosophy for visitors. Most of the people attending these courses are staying on for the ensuing lodge meeting, which is regularly held in the following hour.

There are of course also in our country as in the others of the isthmus private meetings for the management, where we are dealing with administrative matters.

PILAR MADRIGAL NIETO,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

Dissolved

PHILIPPINES

The highlight of this year under report was the world-wide celebration of the Theosophical Society's hundred years of existence. Despite the intense and incessant efforts we exerted, the government's clamp-down on non-business travels abroad and the severe restriction on dollar allowances resulted in only four of our members being able to leave the country.

Mrs. Abear attended the Adyar functions, Mrs. Pineda and Mrs. Florentin attended the New York celebrations and the General Secretary, Cleo Gregorio, was able to participate in both. The contacts and friendships made and the broadening of perspectives have certainly had their enriching effects on the work of the Society in the Philippines.

The local lodges celebrated seven centennial Sundays each sponsored by different lodges. The theme chosen for the Centenary Convention was "Theosophy Through the Ages". November 2 was a literary musical programme. November 9 featured a lecture, "The Unification Church and World Brotherhood". The third Sunday when Rev. Regos talked of "Some Thoughts on Brotherhood" was highlighted by the presence of the Rustan choir singers led by Maestro Ramon Tapales. November 23 saw a prominent scientist, the former Secretary of Health, Dr. Juan Salcedo, Jr., speaking on the topic "That Brotherhood May Prevail." The following Sunday members went on a excursion to Los Banos, and the sixth day of celebrations offered the two films "How Many Lifetimes" and "the Universal Flame", and a forum on Brotherhood. The last Sunday served as a Christmas programme and awards and certificates were given to fourteen workers of the Society. "The Universal Flame" was shown on television on Christmas Day.

An important objective of our centenary celebrations was the successful attempt to bring in non-members as important guests. It proved good public relations and spelled out in more concrete terms our sincere desire to reach out to disparate groups who at first thought theosophists "exclusive".

Improvements have been made to the Headquarters and the third floor was converted into an exhibit area for the Centenary Celebrations.

There is a heightened interest in all kinds of psychic phenomena, an attendant proliferation of pseudo-occult arts and teachers and an escalation of almost unbelievable greed, cruelty and desire for power in this little corner of the globe. Because of the pressure of these difficulties, and the presence of apparent psychism, it is not difficult to gather an audience when the subject verges on anything "occult". It was a foregone conclusion therefore, that the theme selected for the Convention of April 15 and 16 was "The Theosophical Society and the Occult Explosion". Five Working Groups were each given sub-topics to work out with suggested guidelines for discussions.

One of the first things that was attended to this early 1976 was to provide for ways of expanding our work. We felt the primary objective was to train lecturers and speakers. Study courses were geared mostly towards this end. This year's study courses were well organized and had good attendance. We also had five training sessions based on the New Zealand Section's "Lecturer's Training Kit Set".

Another objective to which we have directed our efforts since early this year was the activation of weak lodges. Thus, each member of the newly elected Board

was assigned to take care of one or two lodges. In connection with this effort we have ordered thirty-two tapes from the American Section Education Department. These should help to substitute for the lack of trained speakers in these lodges. We are dissolving Tres Lucas Lodge, which has been inactive for some time already.

Another feature which was introduced due to the help of the American Section Education Department was the series of monthly Letters to New Members which we started sending off in April this year. It is a very much appreciated addition to the regular communications we send out. A paper we call "Feedback", is released quarterly and goes out with *The Philippine Theosophist* as a supplement. It features questions, comments and criticisms from members.

There are now twenty lodges including two chartered in 1975: Kaisahan and Narra; and two study centres, one in Tapan, Sta. Cruz, and the other in Davao City in Mindanao.

As always it is the personal contact made with members which contributes much to the effective and healthy functioning of our lodges. The General Secretary and her co-workers toured extensively and were well received all over the country. She was also able to give talks to several business groups.

This year's membership count registers a slight increase from last year. Total number now stands at two hundred and ninety-seven. The biennial elections, held on May 14, resulted in the same Section officers being returned except for two changes on the Board of Trustees.

As part of our efforts to respond to Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's appeal for humaneness, the Vegetarian Society at long last was granted its incorporation papers. Its principal officers are all members of the T.S. The month of July was given

over to a propagation of vegetarianism, and a special demonstration was held at the Headquarters. A number of leaflets have been distributed to the public and books advertised and sold. We are thankful to the Vegetarian Society of New Zealand who made available valuable materials and information to help us get started.

The Theosophical Order of Service is one aspect of our work we would like to be able to expand fully. The Healing Department meets regularly every Saturday. Friendship Inc., a society for the rehabilitation of prisoners which I founded in October 1961, has been reactivated. It has started a number of released prisoners on a re-cycling project to make them self-sufficient and found employment for half a dozen. At present we are negotiating with the city government for funds to help us put up a self-help centre where our clients can be taught all kinds of home industry skills and a permanent place to conduct the counselling and guidance clinic. Other members do other forms of service. Many go out on magnetic healing work. And one of the lodges has put up a paramedical service near the lodge. Donations were collected and sent to the earthquake victims in Mindanao.

Theosophical literature is always a very important aspect of any theosophical work. Perhaps due to the number of study courses and highlevel theosophical talks always in progress some ninety percent of our members avail themselves of the services of the library. The increasing interest in occult subjects has brought to our Library many non-members who come regularly for research, including TV and radio script writers. Three hundred more volumes have been gifted to the Library. Sales of Quest books have risen by as much as eighty

percent and other titles from Adyar and London are also selling well.

Mr. Roselmo Doyal Santos has been appointed as our Youth Representative; Mrs. Ananda Manalad Zapata as Assistant Treasurer; and Mrs. Mydee Reyes as editor of *The Philippine Theosophist* as well as Assistant Secretary. Mr. Ruben Cabigting and Mr. Vincente Reyes are co-chairmen of the Expansion Fund Campaign and are to be assisted by Mrs. Rosie Acu.

No programme of activity can go forward without the dedicated help of individual members who believe and are committed to the work of the Society. To the present members of the Board: Atty. Mario Zapata; Mr. Angel Reyes; Mr. Vic Hao Chin; Mrs. R. Cabigting; Mr. Benny Arguelles and Mr. Tony Fran-

cisco, go our heartfelt thanks, as well as to the many brothers who on short notice could be depended upon to help out with programmes at the Headquarters and other work.

After one century of theosophical work the cause for brotherhood is not over. An intensification of this work in deeper and subtler levels is more than needed. The hunger for knowledge and understanding to cope with the increasing difficulties on every side have to be met. The handful of dedicated souls who can do something "to change the sorry scheme of things entire" where it matters most, must be multiplied. This is our work and our challenge.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

After a very careful and cautious study, the National Council of the Colombian Section approved new bylaws, which were sent to Adyar in 1975 and a new way of work was organized, which permits more expansion and coordination of the activities.

For example, among the realizations of the *Educational Department* we have: (1) Intensive Basic Courses of Theosophy, during all the year, which combine lectures and dialogues. These have been so useful, that we recommend them to every future member. (2) A continuous Raja Yoja study—following Slater's plan—only for members. (3) Public speaking groups according to Robert Mitchell's course. (4) In Bogotá, during all the year, once in a week, for members and sympathizers, lectures and "round tables" to study the book *Self Culture* by Dr. I. K. Taimni. (5) Also weekly, a group

of members in Bogotá has been analyzing the thought of the first leaders of the theosophical teachings. Plato's dialogues were studied and other books about Socrates were read. (6) There were organized nineteen study groups composed of three or four members each, in order to go deeper into more advanced studies, following books like *The Ancient Wisdom*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, *The Science of Yoga*, *The Secret of Self-Realization*, etc.

The *Publicity Department* published a pamphlet. Brother W. Ballesteros, collaborating with this Department, translated into Spanish and published *The Science of Yoga* and *The Secret of Self-Realization* by I. K. Taimni, which have been of great use to the Spanish language members.

The *Treasury* was organized in such a way that the Treasurer is appointed

by the National Council which is the only body able to authorize and supervise expenses. This is in order to guarantee a very careful management of the T. S. funds.

The *Executive Committee*, composed of the Departmental Directors, the Treasurer, the General Secretary and other members appointed by the National Council, held its meetings weekly, working in an orderly and harmonious way.

The Branches' meetings were held according to their previous programmes, and I sincerely believe that each day we have less "armchair theosophists".

Our Annual Convention's Subject was: "Practical Theosophy applied to Different Fields of Life".

Other groups.—The Colombian Federation of Young Theosophists continues working actively in coordination with the National Council. Young people are working in their own programmes, and within the T.S. through the branches and national programmes. During this year they have three national camps whose subjects were "Meditation", "Discipleship", "God and Man considered from Different Points of View, including Theosophical."

The Children's Movement and The Family Movement are encouraging the practice of Theosophy in members' homes. Both of them continue working intensively.

JULIA DE MARTÍNEZ,
General Secretary.

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

It gives me great pleasure in reporting, once again, the activities of the East and Central African Section for the year ended 30th September 1976.

National Headquarters.—The Section Headquarters remained at the Nairobi Lodge premises at No. 55A, Third Parklands Avenue, Nairobi and the Section is very grateful to the Nairobi Lodge for providing us this valuable facility.

Office-Bearers of the Section.—There were changes in the composition of office-bearers of the Section at the triennial election held last Easter. The Assistant General Secretary for Zambia is now Mr. H. J. Patel, P.O. Box 476, Mufulira, Zambia. The Section Treasurer and the Section Bookstall Manager are Mr. H. K. Rawal and Mr. R. P. Joshi respectively. The rest of the office-bearers were re-elected for another term of three years.

Membership.—Although the numbers of new members enrolled this year is 174, the trend of immigrant races leaving our country for settlement elsewhere continues. The pace of indigenous population joining the Society is regretfully very, very slow for various reasons beyond our control. However, the effort continues, as ever, to make people know that "such a thing as Theosophy exists", by local as well as overseas lecturers. In order to help the indigenous people join the Society, if they are really interested in the philosophy and the work of the Society, we have exempted them, whenever necessary, from paying annual subscriptions. We do hope our efforts will bear fruit in the near future. Our membership stands at present at 1097 as against 1113 last year.

Important Events of the Year: 26th Annual Convention at Nairobi.—As usual

it was a unique Convention held at Nairobi with Nairobi Lodge as host. Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla was our Guest-speaker and Mr. J. R. Kangwana, the Director of Broadcasting, Voice of Kenya, was the Guest of Honour who opened the Convention. A detailed report was duly sent to the Headquarters at close of the Convention.

Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla's Tour.—After the Convention Mrs. Minwalla toured all our Lodges in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia. During her stay of 12 weeks she gave, in all, 160 talks which included public lectures, members' meetings, talks to schools, study classes, T.V., press and radio interviews. Her visit helped our Section to present Theosophy and The Theosophical Society to the general public of all races. After her visit she gave us, at our request, her impressions of our Lodges' work. Though her observations did not reflect the true picture of our difficulties, we have taken steps to implement her suggestions for improving our performance as far as practicable. We are very grateful to her for giving us her valuable time and energy to help the work of the Society in this part of the world.

Centenary World Congress at New York and Convention at Adyar.—I am very grateful to the East and Central African Section and the International Headquarters for paying for my air fares to London, New York, Bombay and back to Nairobi. The Headquarters contributed \$200 towards my passage and the balance was paid by the E. & C. African Section.

I attended, with my wife, Mrs. Savitauri, the Centenary World Congress at New York, Centenary Celebrations in London & Bombay and Centenary Convention at Adyar. The Centenary Convention at Adyar was also attended by 35 other members from the East & Central

African Section. In London besides myself and my wife, 3 other members of East and Central Africa attended the Centenary Celebrations of the English Section.

Visit of Lodges.—I have not been able to visit many Lodges this year. I accompanied Mrs. Minwalla to Kisumu, Kericho & Nakuru Lodges. I visited Meru Lodge, Arusha on 8th May 1976 and handed over its Charter at a special inauguration ceremony which was attended by the Assistant General Secretary for Tanzania, Bro. H. D. Shah, and several members from Kilimanjaro, Moshi & Nairobi Lodges. Bro. R. H. Patel, our National Director of T.O.S., and our Assistant General Secretary for Kenya, Mr. N. J. Khetani, visited our Highland Lodge at Eldoret and revitalized it. Bro. H. D. Shah, the Assistant General Secretary for Tanzania, visited all lodges in Tanzania, with the exception of Tabora which is much farther from Daressalaam. Bro. H. J. Patel, the Assistant General Secretary for Zambia, visited all lodges in the copperbelt area, viz., Ndola, Luanshya, Chingola & Kitwe. Bro. K. A. Patel and A. V. Raval visited Lusaka Lodge and Bro. C. S. Patel visited Luanshya Lodge. All the Assistant General Secretaries report of good activity in all the lodges and all the lodges are trying in their own way and capacity to spread the wisdom of Theosophy to the general public.

Celebrations.—Usual celebrations were held in almost all the lodges.

Study.—An emphasis has been laid on study of theosophical literature by our Guest Speaker, Mrs. Minwalla, and accordingly this is pursued earnestly. Nairobi Lodge had a two-week study class on *The Ancient Wisdom* by Dr. Annie Besant, conducted by our veteran member Bro. H. S. Patel in Gujarati. Also weekly classes are held to study

Theosophy in English on the basis of *Introductory Course in Theosophy* from the American Section. Both courses have created much interest. Nairobi lodge has also started meetings in Swahili once a month which are being given by our Bro. Reuben Thuku from Nakuru lodge.

Sale of Books.—At each public lecture and also at lodge meetings our literature is exhibited for sale. The sale during the year under report amounted to £ 325. (Shs. 6500/-). All books are sold on no-profit-no-loss basis and so our book-stall is very popular among the general public. Having learnt probably from the Reserve Bank of India that we are sizeable importers of Indian books, most of the Indian publishers have sent us their lists of publications. But since we do not deal in books other than theosophical, we do not avail ourselves of their offers.

Allied Activities: Theosophical Order of Service.—As usual services to the poor, the needy and afflicted humanity, are rendered by this order at Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kericho, Kisumu, Daressalaam, Arusha, Lusaka, Livingstone, Mufulira, Kabwe and also at most other lodges in a smaller or a bigger way. However, we do not overlap the service done by institutions with larger resources. We serve those whom these institutions do not reach or know about.

Bharat Samaj Puja.—This ceremony is being performed regularly every Sunday at Daressalaam and occasionally at Nairobi and other Lodges and those interested in ceremonials—members as well sympathisers join in. At such ceremonies donations are given by members to help the Theosophical Society's work and the Theosophical Order of Service.

Healing Group.—This ceremony is performed by members of the Daressalaam Lodge once a month.

Youth Activities.—Nairobi and Daressalaam are regularly holding youth

meetings every month. Nairobi Lodge has elected Bro. Narendra M. Shah, B.Sc., its youth representative and he has started study, sports and other youth activities.

Conclusion.—We have many drawbacks and limitations, namely:

(1) At most Lodges only religious minded Hindus of the older generation, in general, are attracted to Theosophy which provides them with explanations of the law of Karma & reincarnation and so the bulk of our membership consists of such members. Though gradually they have changed their attitude towards other religions and people of other races, and because the people of other religions and races are also dogmatic to some extent, we have not been able to spread Theosophy spectacularly to the latter to our satisfaction.

(2) Some of our Lodges are only a few years old; particularly in Zambia they are only three years old, hence there is little perceivable progress.

(3) There are very few members who can understand English well and explain our philosophy to the masses and there is hardly anyone who can lecture in the language of the Africans. Most of our members are either in business or service—no retired persons who can devote full time to this work.

(4) Our finances are not so strong that we can engage full time or even part time workers on salary.

(5) The means of transport and communications are very few and costly and our lodges are situated far apart from each other. Therefore they cannot be visited often by our workers.

(6) Many experienced workers are leaving the country for settlement elsewhere and we have not been able to replace them by new workers—particularly of African origin.

In spite of our handicaps and limitations we are determined to continue the work

as best as we can and we are sure of success to fulfil our aim since it is a law of Nature. Hence we carry on with all our heart, mind and soul, the work entrusted to us by the revered Inner as well as Outer Founders of the Society.

In the end, we pledge our loyalty to the cause and also to the President Bro. Coats who represents the Society in the outer world.

H. M. CHHAYA,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

Theosophical work in Pakistan is centred at Karachi, Hyderabad, Quetta and Lahore. A few individual members live in Rawalpindi and Islamabad but it has not been possible to establish there a regular centre or branch.

The International President visited Pakistan for five days in October 1975, presided over the National Convention and participated in the Centenary Celebrations. During the Convention, the work of the Society in Pakistan was discussed and some of the difficulties were put before the International President. The main difficulty in spreading and activating theosophical work in the country are long distances between the larger cities where educated persons reside. Local leadership is lacking in most places and travelling through the country has become very costly. Visiting lecturers from other Sections would be most welcome as they would stimulate interest and enthusiasm. Travel arrangements could be made for long-term visitors to live in the country, travel around and propagate Theosophy. This is an appeal to the International President as well as to workers in any English-speaking Section to come to our help.

During the Convention, besides the problem of workers and lecturers, the problem of making theosophical literature available in local languages was discussed. Efforts are being made in this direction

especially to bring out smaller booklets in Urdu and Sindhi.

Also during the Convention were discussed the following:—

(a) That the word "Lodge" should be replaced by the word "Branch" since the former aroused other meanings than is indicated by the use of the word. Often because of that word the Theosophical Society has mistakenly been considered a part or link with Free Masonry. The suggestion put by us was considered by the General Council at its meetings in New York and Adyar in November and December last year and it has been recommended that the word "Lodge" should be replaced by the word "Branch" wherever possible.

(b) It was also suggested that the Theosophical Society (International) should apply for Consultative Status category 'B' with the ECOSOC of the United Nations. The matter is being looked into by the General Council.

(c) It was also suggested that the title Presidential Agent should be replaced by a better one. This was also considered by the General Council and is being looked into by the relevant sub-committee.

Throughout the year, the work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan has continued as before with main activities being carried out at Karachi. The Karachi Theosophical Society has reported a membership of 96 at the end of

September 1976. Other Branches have not yet submitted their statistics. The Branch of the Society at Karachi regularly held public lectures, members' meetings and weekly study classes as part of its regular programme. Its work is well recognised throughout the city and many members and non-members use its lending Public Library and Reading Room. The Branch has continued to bring out its monthly Bulletin which carries the programme for the month and also interesting reading material. It is sent free to members, as well as to non-members on request.

During the year we have been fortunate to have H. E. Mrs. Theja Gunewardhane, member of the Society from Sri Lanka, as the Ambassador of that country to Pakistan. She resides at Islamabad which is the capital of the country but travels to several cities almost every month on her official work and uses that opportunity also to speak at the Karachi Theosophical Society as well as in other centres on theosophically oriented subjects. Through her efforts small groups of intellectuals have crystalized in two or three major cities and it is hoped that some day these will form themselves into theosophical branches. Mrs. Gunewardhane's presence in the country at present is therefore extremely helpful and we are indeed very grateful to her for her efforts.

In April on an invitation from the Theosophical Society in East and Central Africa, I visited 22 theosophical centres in Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia, lecturing continuously and strenuously to the public and members at all these places. The work in this region has problems of its own but under the able leadership of the General Secretary, Mr. H. M. Chhaya, and other workers, it has been possible to keep the work going at all these places. Specially heartening was the interest evinced in Theosophy by the native African population and effort should continue towards developing African leadership at least in the major cities of these countries.

Gratitude must be expressed to the Theosophical Publishing House at Wheaton, U.S.A. for the regular donation of new publications to the Karachi Theosophical Society Library. Due to foreign exchange difficulties, it is increasingly difficult to keep the library upto date and these gifts are invaluable to our work in Pakistan. Gifts would also be welcome at least for the libraries of Branches at Hyderabad, Lahore and Quetta, and we hope that from somewhere this help will come. Even used books in good condition would be of great help in rehabilitating libraries in these smaller places.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYSIAN FEDERATION

No Report

NORTHERN IRELAND

If one takes into consideration that the "slice" of time covered by this report is something of a landmark, since it represents the Centenary Year of the Society, our activities in the province passed rather quietly, with our customary series of public lectures and discussions in Belfast contributed by a few of our members. The year was, nevertheless, an eventful one.

On 19 October we felt extremely happy to welcome, as lecturer, Mrs. Viola Law of Montreal Lodge. Mrs. Law emigrated to Canada many years ago, leaving behind her a great number of friends. Her presence in the Belfast Lodge was an opportunity for rejoicing, and her lecture "The Practical Application of Theosophical Teachings", was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Our Centenary Celebrations in November took place in a very modest fashion. However, we did manage to appear in print in one of the local newspapers in the form of a very informative article entitled "One Hundred Years of Human Experience", by Dr. Hugh Shearman. We also succeeded in providing a theosophical broadcast of about 20 minutes through Radio Ulster in mid-November, as a result of which we received various inquiries.

Shortly before Christmas, Belfast Lodge acquired a new member in the person of Mr. Patrick C. E. O'Donnell. We welcome him and wish him well.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the T.S. in N.I., which proved a very happy occasion, was held at Gateway House on 29-30 May, under the theme "Man, BE Thyself!". We were fortunate enough to have with us Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith as Guest of Honour. The title of her public lecture was "The Yoga of Theosophy". Her

presence was very stimulating and a real inspiration to us all. At the Convention business meeting the existing officers were re-elected, and the financial position was revealed to be just sufficient for the task in hand.

Throughout the year, our programme of public lectures and discussions ran very successfully and attracted quite a few members from the public. As usual, the programme was interrupted during the summer vacation. Members' meetings on Wednesdays continued, even when only "one or two" were gathered together; most weeks we managed a few more than that. The group concentrated on different topics, viz., "The Self and Its Sheaths", and "The Building of the Kosmos", an interesting series of lectures delivered by Annie Besant quite early in her theosophical career. We also paid some attention to the Jinarājadāsa and Centenary issues of *The Theosophist*, the Centenary books *The Universal Flame* and *Intelligence Came First* and the reports of the Task Forces from the World Congress at New York in November 1975 and the Working Groups at the Centenary International Convention at Adyar in December of the same year. Lately, we have been "tackling" that timeless problem "The Conquest of Illusion"—with the help of Van der Leeuw's interesting book which bears that title.

Finally, just recently we felt saddened by the death of our youngest member, Neill Finlay. Neill and his fiancée—both in their late teens—passed suddenly away as a result of a motor accident. Neill had joined the Belfast Lodge in March 1975 and had become a very avid reader of theosophical literature. His main interest seems to have been the topics connected with life after death. He was

always very keen to ask questions. We shall miss him.

Our present membership is now 38.

I would like to end this report by including a word of sincere appreciation to all those members who have dedicated

considerable time and effort in the furtherance of Lodge Work in this Province throughout the year under review.

TONY RODRIGUEZ,
Organizing Secretary.

VIET NAM

No Report

VENEZUELA

No Report

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

No Report

BOLIVIA

No Report

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The good news at this time is the fact that a "marriage" has been consummated, to a large extent, through the kind offices of Dr. C. Ton Phan, between the French Lodges of French speaking Canada, and the English section. The Editor of the Federation magazine, Mrs. Gladys Cooper, has incorporated two pages of French, along with the usual English. We hope this will be followed by more in the future.

Hermes Lodge, in Vancouver, was taken over by a group of young people last

spring, who did a wonderful job of cleaning the premises. This was followed by a "garage" sale, now popular here. The proceeds of this enabled us to buy comfortable chairs for the lecture hall.

All lodges report steady work, and plans are now being formulated for their winter work.

Number of members—142, with 16 new admissions.

IDA F. STEPHEN,
Federation Secretary.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

1976 has been a year of increased activity in most Sections of the Federation. Many members were able to attend the Centenary meetings either in New York or Adyar and many Sections held their own special meetings to celebrate this important occasion. The inspiration of these gatherings seems to be reflected in all our present activities.

Almost all Sections have taken part in either a Regional or a Sectional Summer School. These Schools always have an international flavour. Theosophy crosses all frontiers and many intersectional friendships are made.

The Guest of Honour at most of these Schools and Conferences was Mrs. Radha Burnier. All who met her have felt the inspiration of her presence and have gained insight from her lectures.

The President, and the Vice-President, as well as Mrs. Burnier were present at a conference of the Publishing Houses held in Huizen in September. This was a specially interesting conference as it dealt largely with future activities and possibilities.

The President and Mrs. Coats were also very welcome guests at the German Regional Summer School in Pichl.

Plans for next year are not yet confirmed. 1977 is the year when the Federation should hold its Triennial Congress, but no suitable location could be found, so it is probable that the Congress will be held in 1978 in one of the Universities in the North of England. The Council Meetings and the election of Federation Officers will take place in 1977, if possible in Scandinavia.

The Chairman visited many Sections and three Regional Summer Schools and also made a special visit to Belfast, where a very lively and active group carries on in spite of the difficulties of the political situation.

We all sincerely hope that the international character of our theosophical work in Europe is a foretaste of the future peaceful and happy co-operation of all races and communities in the Continent.

MADELEINE LESLIE-SMITH,
Chairman.

INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION

This period starts with a doctrinary and administrative tour made by the President of the I.T.F., in October 1975. Visiting most of the federated Sections, he met Brother John Coats in Mexico City, both taking part in private and public meetings and holding some meetings with the Directive Council of the Mexican Section. The work carried on in the Central American countries was very intensive. On route to New York to attend the World Congress, he visited the Spanish Lodges of Miami (U.S.A.) delivering some public lectures.

The V Inter-American Congress was held in New York, on November 18th, 1975. The Agenda included the election of new officers of the Federation for the next period. Luis Spairani and Juan Viñas were unanimously elected as President and Vice-President, respectively, until November 1979. Another important item considered was the edition of new texts in Spanish. The financial side was also discussed. The official Journal of the Latin Sections, *América Teosófica*, was found to be excellent, the delegates making remarkable comments on its contents.

From September 3rd to 10th, 1976, the President of the Federation attended the International Theosophical Publishing Conference, held at Huizen, Holland, as representative of the Latin American Sections and main editor in Spanish. This participation was very important, as it indicates the active presence of a large part of the Theosophical movement. The experience coming out of these meetings will allow a more efficient work in the future.

The Federation organized Brother Coats' visit to almost all of the Latin American Sections. Though he had already been in this region several times, this was the first one as the International President, and the result was very important. His participation in the Convention and Summer School of the Argentine Section and his visit to the

Uruguayan Section—together with Mr. Spairani—can be especially mentioned.

The difficulties caused by inflation in the country where the Federation has its Headquarters at present prevented the printing work being carried on as usual; nevertheless, two Guides for Lodge Study were published: one on *The Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom*, by Anna Kennedy Winner and the other based on *The Secret Doctrine*. At present, *The Universal Flame* is being printed. Translation and revision work is being carried on continuously.

The Executive Committee of the Federation keeps constantly in touch with the officers and members in all the Sections, through an intensive and constructive communication.

LUIS SPAIRANI,
President.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

PERU

H. P. B. Lodge, Lima:

During the last year, our lodge was working each Wednesday and Saturday evening, holding altogether 96 meetings.

Last April we had the great pleasure to receive our dear World President, John Coats, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Juan Carlos Palmeri from the Argentine Section, with whom we spent a most pleasant time.

During the few days we had Br. Coats in our town, he gave two public lectures and held meetings with the members of our branch. Besides he took part in a meeting in the country, which remains unforgettable for us. This visit proved most rewarding and gave us a new impulse for the spreading of Theosophy. The couple Palmeri gave a series of five

talks for members which were most instructive.

During the Wednesday meetings, which are only for members, two activities are going on. In the first hour we are studying *The Secret Doctrine*, guided by the Br. President. Each member deals with one of the stanzas of this book. During the study we try to clarify and go deeper into the concepts contained in this important text and hope to get a better understanding of them.

The second hour is dedicated to preparing members for the spreading of Theosophy by means of public and radio talks.

For these studies we count on the experience and orientation offered us by the Inter-American Federation.

On Saturday evenings, when members and public are meeting, we are also carrying out a double activity. During the first hour several members are giving a series of talks on *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarājadāsa. We trust this experience will prove successful, thanks to the cooperation and endeavour of the responsible members. In the following hour, after a short break, a number of persons study astrology. We have decided to continue such studies, which had been started at the beginning of last year, in view of the interest this has aroused in the public, which has led a few people to join the Lodge.

On Mondays and Wednesdays we have put our library at the disposal of the public, which has aroused the interest of all those who are looking for truth. This is carried out by means of advertisements in newspapers and is also contributing to the benefit of our Lodge.

JOSIANNE DE ALVAREZ,
Secretary.

H. P. B. "A" Lodge, Lima: No Report

Paz y Amor Lodge, Lima:

In January and February we had holidays.

On 7th March, at the members' meeting, the undersigned gave a talk

on "The Laws and Forces of the Universe".

On the same occasion the new diplomas which had arrived from Adyar were handed over to the new brothers: Fabian Grey and Gelacio Sanchez. We closed with a meditation on the Masters.

On the 18th April we were reading the "Message of the Mahachohan" and closed with a meditation.

On the 2nd May this lecture was continued, followed by another meditation.

On the 30th May, we had the happy occasion to receive our International President, Mr. John Coats and hold a meeting with him.

19th July and 4th August: Readings from the book *Our Mental Forces*.

14th August: Reading of the *Lives of Alcyone*.

11th & 18th September: *Gods in Exile*, after which we distributed the diplomas received from Adyar to Br. Trinidad Espiritu, Adi Espiritu, Natalia Jines, Mariano Rojas, Enrique Jines. Each meeting closed with a meditation.

BERNARDINES JINEZ W.,
Secretary.

Machu Picchu Lodge: No Report

Alfa and Omega Lodge: No Report

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge, Tel-Aviv:

We have had the great pleasure this year of welcoming our dear friend and President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, but we much regretted that his stay among us was only too short.

We appreciated much more his visit as we realized that he made a real sacri-

fice by coming to Israel, knowing how much work was waiting for him in Adyar.

Four of our members were lucky to attend the Centenary Convention in Adyar during which the President of the Covenant Lodge was honoured to say the Hebrew Prayer.

The Covenant Lodge has now a new Treasurer, Miss Bertha Savdie. Miss Shoshana Sharabany was appointed Secretary of the Young Theosophists in Israel.

Mrs. Anava Kantor gave a lecture on Theosophy on the Israel Broadcasting Station. She also gave another lecture in a kibbutz about Theosophy from different points of view.

Mrs. Dominic has lectured in the two Lodges in Haifa about Theosophy in the presence of some scientists. She also spoke three times in a kibbutz, and in an old age home about reincarnation, very important for them! She had the opportunity and was glad to visit a camp of new Russian immigrants where she distributed the book *At the Feet of the Master* in Russian. During her free time she visits sick and old age members.

This year the Covenant Lodge was happy to be the host of some Arab students from the occupied territories. As they were very interested in Theosophy we lent them books in English and Arabic. Unfortunately the meetings could not continue due to the prevailing political situation. The undersigned visited an Arab village where *At the Feet of the Master* books in Arabic were given. The Lodge is also trying to find persons to translate books into Arabic.

In October we hope to begin meetings with French-speaking members.

The Librarian, Mrs. Dominic, is sending books all over the country to members and interested people. We have books in eight languages.

The Lodge had meetings every fortnight in German about "Christianity and the Ancient Egyptian Religion", Swedenborg, Socrates, the "Invisible World in the Material", etc.; and in English about Yoga, Self-Culture, Kabbala, etc., given by Mrs. Anava Kantor.

The First of October and White Lotus Day were celebrated, members from all over the country attending. This year, on White Lotus Day we had the opportunity, besides music and lectures, also to see slides of the Centenary Convention in Adyar.

From the Covenant Lodge one person resigned and three: Mrs. Esther Kleinman, Mrs. Olga Elek and Mr. Pessia Singman went to a higher Light.

BERTHE AL. DOMINIC,
President.

H. P. Blavatsky Lodge, Tel-Aviv:

Our Lodge members are new immigrants from Russia. After a break of some months, the meetings were resumed and we are studying *The Secret Doctrine*.

The Lodge has now a Library containing many interesting books in Russian which have been donated by members from abroad.

We advertised in the Russian language newspaper after which people came to discuss Theosophy and books were lent to them.

The "H. P. Blavatsky" Lodge was founded in 1973 and has now only 12 members as 4 left the country. Miss Bertha Savdie is now the Treasurer of the Lodge.

ELPHA KAGAN,
President.

Lotus Lodge, Haifa:

The activities in Lotus Lodge began late. The members began to meet with the B'sorat Hagalil Lodge in February 1976. Until May they worked together.

On the 27.5.76 they had their first separate meeting, after the election of a new President and Secretary, called Varda Ben-Yizhak, who went over from "B'sorat Hagalil" Lodge. It was

decided to meet twice a month, and to learn about *The Seven Principles of Man*, from A. Besant.

We had an announcement in one of the papers, about the T. S. in Israel, and received a new member, and several people who are interested in Theosophy.

One member, David Nudelmann, left Israel and returned to Argentina where he joined the T. S. there.

We are now eight members, after the passing of a very old member, Rafael Bornstein.

Their names are: Shlomo Rofe, Carmel Dubasarski, Natan Ramrajkar (Samuel), Alexander Srebernik, Izhak Ezrahi, Kāte Steinhaus, Mrs. Gordoni and Varda Ben-Yizhak.

The paper *Theosophi*, issued by Varda Ben-Yizhak, did not come out this year. The first issue for the New Year will be the diary of the visit to Adyar for the World Centenary Convention and will be dedicated to the memory of our sister Channa Mor.

VARDA BEN-YIZHAK,
President.

B'sorat Hagalil Lodge, Zefat:

At the meetings were mostly members of the T. S. and also others interested, all together between 12-26 participants.

Our Lodge started this year with the meeting on October 1st, together with other lodges in Tel-Aviv, as has been our custom all the years.

As preparation for the Convention in Adyar, we explained to our members its significance, that of the Centre at Adyar and of meetings with members of long standing from other countries.

We had several meetings together with the Haifa Lodge in Carmiel, a new town half-way from Haifa to Zefat.

In November 75, dear Chanah Mor, Lodge president for many years, passed to

her Masters. Founding member of the T.S. in Israel, troubled by sickness, she was all the time ready to work for the cause of Theosophy. Her passing away was a great loss to our Lodge and the Theosophical Society in Israel.

After the return of our members from the Congress in Adyar we met with new force together with the Haifa lodge to hear impressions and for conversations.

We are playing with the idea of having a Theosophical Centre but the problem is money.

In June 76 we elected a new lodge president, who is Jaffa Tal and we hope that the Masters will support her to continue in the steps of our last President.

JAFFA TAL,
President.

Harmony Lodge, Tel Aviv:

The outstanding event in the year under review was the visit to Israel of Brother John B. S. Coats, this time in his new capacity of International President, in early December 1975. To meet him once again, after a period of several years, was a great joy and pleasure for members of our Lodge.

Lodge meetings were held regularly twice monthly as heretofore, and on two occasions we had guest-speakers from England who addressed gatherings of both members as well as invited friends. There was no change in the ultimate figure of our membership, but one Sister resigned and another was transferred from Blavatsky Lodge, Tel-Aviv, to our group.

Mr. Hans Zeuger, our Lodge president, had the privilege to recite his Mystery Play "Die Berufung" ("The Call") to an attentive audience in Amriswil, Switzerland, in which many prominent

theosophical ideas are represented in poetic form. After his return to Israel, he spoke in kibbuzim (co-operative settlements) in the north of the country, and was interviewed by the Israel Agent of CBS News of U.S.A. He, furthermore,

was elected President of the Parapsychological Society in Tel-Aviv.

HANS ZEUGER,
President.

Emmanuel Lodge: No Report

SINGAPORE

Singapore Lodge:

The Society was very active with our President Chan Chim Lim's ever energetic dedication to the Lodge. It was thus a great loss to the Society that he passed away peacefully on Monday 26th April, 1976. Many tributes were paid to him and everyone agreed that he was a simple, sincere man more concerned about others than himself. He was a friend to all. His spirit however lives on, manifested in the increased membership and renewed interest of members in the Lodge's activities.

Many members played their part in celebrating the culmination of the Centenary of the founding of the Theosophical Society by attending the Convention in Adyar and the Pacific Convention in Kuala Lumpur. We have many visitors stopping over in Singapore on their way to the other International Theosophical Society conventions and amongst them we were privileged to have Sisters Marion Caws (Asst. Editor, *The Theosophist*, Editor, *Adyar Newsletter*), and Jean Raymond (International Recording Secretary) to give us some illuminating public lectures.

We had many lectures over the year and they were spread over a wide range of subjects to appeal to the interests of all members and the public. The subjects of the lectures vary from those on Theosophy to astrology, philosophy, religion, yoga, science and meditation.

Study classes on meditation, self-realisation course, *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Key to Theosophy* and the *Bhagavad Gita* were conducted. These lectures and study classes were well attended and many fruitful evenings were also spent on informal discussions.

The year however was marred by our landlord's notice to quit the premises by 28.2.1977. Members of the Committee had tried their best to get reasonable compensation from the landlord but nothing concrete has been offered so far. The matter has been shelved pending the landlord's return from India at the end of the year. Further discussion on the matter will be held at our Annual General Meeting scheduled to be on November 13th 1976.

We celebrated Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day with great significance, thanks to the participation of our members. As a precedent we celebrated Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday and it was a chance for younger members to present some very informative and interesting speeches on Dr. Besant's life, work, and her contribution to Theosophy. We hope in future to have more work-shop discussions and lectures on Theosophy and on prominent Theosophists. In closing we would like to thank all members of our Lodge as well as those other Lodges for their contribution in one way or other to the Singapore Lodge.

T. GULABRAI,
President.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Lodge:

The General Committee of The Theosophical Society, Hong Kong Lodge, takes the pleasure in submitting to you an Annual Report covering some events of this Lodge during the year 1976.

Office-Bearers and Members of the General Committee:

President: Rev. Sik Yen Why; *Vice-President:* Brother L. Clark; *Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:* Brother P. Y. Ko; *Librarian:* Dr. R. Ching.

Committee Members: Brothers T. V. Zung, T. C. Zung, K. S. Sze, Jairam Panjabi, Henry Fok & K. K. Tam.

Singapore Lodge Membership: Brother T. C. Shu.

Honorary Members: Dr. Hans Tang & Brother P. S. Halhi.

For the past few years, the activities of this Lodge were very limited due to the world economical recession. The members of this Lodge were increased by a small number and some of the newcomers were not very keen on studying the theoretical literature, so we were planning to operate in more practical ways with meditation classes to attract more new members.

Therefore, under the joint sponsorship of this Lodge and The World Fellowship of Buddhists, Hong Kong & Macau Regional Centre, meditation classes have been conducted once every week

at the 'Hermitage of the Flight' at Mongkok, Kowloon. The meditation classes' guides were Rev. Sik Yen Why, Brother P. Y. Ko and Brother K. K. Tam.

Our President, Rev. Sik Yen Why, has also conducted lectures on "Buddhist Chan's Way of Living" at Ding Wai Monastery, Taipo, New Territories, every Sunday and these usually attracted an audience of 50 or even 100. These lectures were held under the joint sponsorship of this Lodge and The World Fellowship of Buddhists, Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre.

We were glad to welcome Dr. M. Bhamgara and Sri J. N. Mankar visiting our Lodge on 9th to 13th November 1976. Two open lectures were held at W.F.B. Hong Kong & Macau Regional Centre, Kowloon on 10th November 1976 and at Tung Lin Kok Yuen Buddhist College on 11th November 1976 in Hong Kong Island. Both lectures were given by Dr. Bhamgara and Sri Mankar in English with translation into Chinese by Rev. Sik Yen Why and Brother P. Y. Ko. The topics of both lectures were "Vegetarianism, Yoga and Ecology." Those attending including European, Indian and Chinese have shown great interest in those lectures which have been very successful.

P. Y. Ko,
Secretary.

JAPAN

Nippon Lodge, Tokyo:

After the most wonderful Centenary Convention, we stand, full of hope, at the starting line of the new hundred years. But personally, I had a misfortune soon after returning from the Convention.

This has had an unfortunate influence upon my life. In reality, I could not work for our Theosophical Lodge so actively, as I had to be devoted to my own work.

Meetings.—We have study meetings every third Saturday evening as usual.

Study.—This year we are studying *The First Principles of Theosophy*. Through this book our members are getting much more understanding about Theosophy. The American Theosophical Society sent us the slides of this book this Spring and I am using those at our meetings.

Translation.—From last year to the beginning of this, I translated *Practical Occultism* by H. P. B. in my magazine. This translation was very useful to make people know the real meaning of "Occultism". In Japan the word "Occult" is awfully misunderstood. Now I am translating *Devachan* by Leadbeater in my magazine.

Publication.—*Kundalini* by Arundale was translated by one of our members in

the magazine last year. He is now going to publish it in book form at his own cost; I am now helping him in this work. He says, after collecting the cost, the rest of the books will be given to our Nippon Lodge.

Foreign Friends.—This year we did not have any guests from abroad. But some refugees came from South Viet Nam. Temporarily they are staying in Japan. Among them there are some Theosophists. Very sorry to say, we can help them only privately because of the political situation. We are praying for their happiness, hoping they can go to their requested countries as soon as possible.

EMIKO TANAKA.
President.

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge, Comilla:

The Comilla Theosophical Lodge is one of the oldest lodges which was established in the year 1889 and its 1st meeting was held on the 26th May 1889 under the Presidentship of Mr. Nabin Chandra Ganguli, the then Sub-Judge of Comilla and afterwards under the Presidentship of Prince Nabadwip Chandra Deb Barma Bahadur of the most ancient Tripura Raj Dynasty.

This Lodge is the only affiliated organisation of the International Theosophical Society in Bangladesh. It has had a very chequered career. The Lodge thrived in the prepartition days and came under the Presidential Agent of the Karachi Branch when Pakistan came into being. During the Pakistan crackdown in 1971 the Lodge building was occupied firstly by the Pakistan Military and after liberation by a political party till 30.9.75 when after strenuous efforts and through the good offices of the local authority, the

Lodge building in a dilapidated condition was given back to the possession of the Society. In the meantime all the furniture and fittings in the Lodge and almost all of the books of the Library rich in number disappeared. The Lodge building has, however, been repaired only partially as an urgent measure so far as the meagre finances of the Lodge permitted. Headquarters has been kind enough to give us every help in the restoration of the Lodge Building. Moreover, the Recording Secretary of the International Theosophical Society offered the Lodge a gift of most valuable Books on Theosophy to replenish the Library of the Lodge which suffered loss of a great number of books during the last disturbance and the Lodge is grateful for this offer of books which are urgently required. These books when received will go a long way to rehabilitate the Lodge. The Lodge was fortunate enough to have bequests from the late Manindra Roy Chowdhury and

Bidhu Bhusan Das Gupta by which some urgent furniture of the Lodge was purchased. The last named persons also donated one almirah for upkeeping of the Library books.

The Lodge recommenced its weekly meetings in the lodge building from 23.11.75 onwards.

The Lodge was visited by the celebrated Dr. Annie Besant and other respectable dignitaries of theosophical fame but after the visit of Mrs. Gool Minwalla,

during Pakistan period, none visited the Lodge perhaps owing to various difficulties.

There were in all 52 sittings of the Lodge in the year under review including Centenary Celebration, White Lotus Day and some other special sittings, which were fairly well attended. The discussion ranged over a very wide area of subjects.

RASMOHAN CHAKRAVARTI
President.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

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ADYAR, MADRAS 600020

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1 October 1976

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| (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY | | |
| (4) THE TREASURER | | |
| (5) MRS. RADHA BURNIER | | |
| (6) LT. COL. R. GOPALARATNAM | | |
| (7) MR. JACK G. PATTERSON | | |
| (8) MRS. NORMA Y. SASTRY | | |
| (9) MR. C. SESHADRI | | |

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Maintenance Department: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. C. SESHADRI

Medical and Sanitary Department: MEDICAL OFFICER: DR. S. V. JOSEPH.

Movable Properties Department: CUSTODIAN: MR. NARANJI KEVAT.

Public Relations Officer: PROFESSOR H. E. HAKIM.

The Theosophical Publishing House: MANAGER: MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN.

The Theosophist: ASST. EDITOR: MISS MARION CAWS.

The Vasanta Press: MANAGER: MR. K. RAMANATHAN.

Watch and Ward Department: SUPERINTENDENT: SUBEDAR G. SAMBASIVAN.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Four meetings of the Council of the Theosophical Publishing House were held during the year (October 1975 to September 1976). Mr. John Coats, President of The Theosophical Society, continued as Chairman of the Council, and the members were Miss Joy Mills, Dr. Jean Raymond, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. K. Ramanathan, and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan.

International Theosophical Publishing Conference.—An important feature of the work this year in the theosophical publishing field was the International Theosophical Publishing Conference held at Huizen, in the Netherlands, in September, 1976. Representatives from most Theosophical Society publishing interests participated in the six-day conference, over which the International President, Mr. John Coats, presided. This was the fourth session of the Conference, previous meetings having been held in 1973, January 1974, and September 1974. But it was at the 1976 Conference that non-English language publishing interests were represented for the first time. The International Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, was an active participant in the Conference, and T. P. H., Adyar was represented by Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. K. Ramanathan and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan.

Matter relating to the presentation of Theosophy through books, *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter*, pamphlets and other media were considered, also costs of production, publication in non-English languages, developments in publishing and printing and greater cooperation between the various publishing houses

in the work. The principles which should govern theosophical publishing and book sales were considered, and a guidance formula was evolved on the following lines:

1. Theosophical Publishing Houses should produce books which open the mind to an universal outlook and not those which close the mind through bigotry, superstition or fanaticism or which promote mere sensationalism.

2. Theosophical bookshops should not sell books which are in any way contrary to the three Objects of the Society.

Import of books.—Towards the close of the year licence for the import of books was secured for The Theosophical Society, and The Theosophical Publishing House was nominated the agent of the Society for the import of books. This has enabled the larger import of publications from associated publishing houses in London and Wheaton as well as from publishing organisations of other wings of the theosophical movement.

The Theosophical Society Centenary.—Owing to the impact of the Centenary in 1975, the Theosophical Publishing House had the largest turnover of sales in its history, totalling Rs. 5,28,000. *The Theosophist* appeared from October 1975 in a new format and with wider variety of articles. The October 1975 to March 1976 issues were devoted to the Centenary of the Society, and larger numbers of these issues were printed and sold.

Adyar Newsletter, which has been planned as the house journal of the Society, carrying information of activities not

only at Adyar, but in all Sections, is similarly being issued in a new format from May 1975. The various Sections, Federations and Lodges as well as individual members are helping in publicising both *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter*.

A Centenary Calendar, with seven full-page color transparency enlargements of Adyar views, was issued.

The Centenary Book, *The Universal Flame*, was released by the President, Mr. John Coats, on the 10th August at a special function held in the Headquarters Hall in Adyar.

A Theosophical Book Exhibition was held during the Centenary International Theosophical Convention in Adyar in December 1975. Books, not only of the three Publishing Houses, but also those published by the Adyar Library and by other Theosophical organisations such as U.L.T., Point Loma and The Theosophical University Press and by Kalakshetra were on view. Theosophical publications in Indian languages were displayed at the Exhibition. It was opened by the Minister for Education in the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Hon. Mr. V. R. Nedunchezian.

Other Exhibitions.—T. P. H., Adyar publications were sent to book exhibitions at Beirut, Baghdad, Teheran, Bangkok, Hongkong, Jakarta and Frankfurt under projects organised by the National Book Trust, India. Our publications were on exhibition at the Second World Book Fair held in New Delhi and the Publishers' World Exhibition held in Bombay.

New Publications and Reprints.—The Theosophical Publishing House published six new books during the year. These included Dr. Taimni's three books,

The Secret of Self-Realization, Self-Realization Through Love and *The Ultimate Reality and Realization*. Another new publication was *Music Forms*, a clairvoyant study by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson of the forms generated in the subtler worlds by Western classical music, such as Beethoven and Mozart. A booklet by the President, Mr. Coats, *The Last Quarter of the Century*, and a study by the Ecology group of the Theosophical Order of Service in England, *In Harmony with Nature*, were also published.

By agreement with The Theosophy Company (India) we reprinted their publication *An Epitome of Theosophy And Theosophy Generally Stated*, by W. Q. Judge. Reprints of theosophical literature issued by the T. P. H. during the year numbered 32. These included *The Lotus Fire*, a study in symbolic yoga by Dr. G. S. Arundale, first published in 1939. Work was commenced on the two-volume edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, edited by Mr. Boris de Zirkoff, and conforming to the original two volume edition of 1888. The index will constitute the third volume.

Workers.—Mrs. Zella Orfilla who was Manager of the Maingate Bookshop since its opening in December 1975, left for Wheaton at the end of the year under report.

Miss Marion Caws continued as Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*. Several residents of Adyar helped by reviewing manuscripts submitted for publication; and by reading proofs of *The Theosophist*, *Adyar Newsletter* and books. To all of them the T.P.H. expresses its thanks.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Once again it is my privilege to present the report of work done in the Library.

STAFF:

Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar has been appointed as Curator of the Library from 15.4.1976. He was associated with the Library in the 1950's when he was a research scholar in the University of Madras. Since then he served as Professor and Head of the Department of Sanskrit in the University of Kerala, and later worked in the Institute of Advanced Studies, Simla.

Miss A. V. Vijayalakshmi has been appointed in place of Miss V. Jayanthi in the binding and laminating section. Dr. A. Kannan working as cataloguing assistant since 1969 resigned during the year. We thank him for his services.

PUBLICATIONS:

During the year under report a new publication entitled *Rāmānuja on the Yoga* by Dr. Robert C. Lester, Prof. and Chairman of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, describing the Path to Liberation from the Viśiṣṭādvaitic point of view was released as Adyar Library Series No. 106.

The revised edition of K. F. Leidecker's *Sanskrit: Essentials of Grammar and Language*, a textbook for learning Sanskrit, particularly for students in the West, was brought out as Adyar Library General Series No. 5. The following were reprinted: *Varivasyārahasya* of Bhāskara-rāya (ALS 28); *Samgītaratnākara*, vol. II, on Rāga, Prakīrṇa and Prabandha (ALS 43); *Haṭha Yoga Pradīpikā* (ALGS 4). *The Epistemology*

of Dvaita Vedānta by P. Nagaraja Rao and translation of *Samgītaratnākara*, vol. IV, on Nartana which were originally published in the *Adyar Library Bulletin* as vols. 22 (3-4) and 23 (3-4) respectively were reprinted in the Adyar Library Series as Nos. 107 and 108.

The second part of the Descriptive Catalogue of the Visvabharati MS. is nearing completion and it is hoped to release this by the end of this year. The printing of vol. II of *Amarakośa* with the South Indian Commentaries is progressing steadily and it is hoped that this too will be completed by this year.

The Adyar Library Bulletin.—The volume for 1976 includes papers such as a semantic analysis by Bhartṛhari, the celebrated grammarian; sources of Daṇḍin's *Avantisundarī*; on the interesting question of 'Is God Dead?'; on the Mongol *Tāñjur* and its relatedness to the Mongolian culture; a comprehensive report by Dr. V. Raghavan on the Indological work done and yet to be done presented to the International Conference of Sanskrit Studies at Mexico City in July 1976; translation of the *Akṣyupaniṣad* from the collection of *Sāmānya Vedānta Upaniṣads*; two Sanskrit texts: one being a metrical monograph seeking to prove that the name Nārāyaṇa occurring in the Hindu scriptures does not refer exclusively either to Viṣṇu or to Śiva; the other a text from the Bodleian Library entitled the *Kathārṇava of Śivadāsa*; besides reviews of books. The journal has now 112 exchanges and 135 subscribers.

Manuscripts Register.—2976 entries were made during the year, thus completing

the work undertaken in 1960. Every MS. in the Adyar Library had been examined and cards made for every work in the manuscripts.

SERVICES RENDERED:

Microfilms of 2 manuscripts and 6 books, and photostat copies of 5 books and 3 documents were supplied to research scholars on request. 28 volumes of the *New India* were microfilmed during the year for the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and it is hoped that this project will be completed by next year. Transcripts in Devanagari of three manuscripts were supplied on request.

Work Used.—The Library records 454 readers, 181 resident cum borrowers, 176 borrowers from the city and 22 braille borrowers. During the year under report 6,230 persons used the Library; 23,147 books and 6,361 MSS. were consulted in the Library; 6,144 books and 5 manuscripts were loaned out.

Research Scholars.—The Library continues to attract in increasing numbers research scholars and serious students. We are glad to report that amongst our readers and borrowers there are a number of students and professors of the Madras University and colleges in the city. During the vacation months an increasing number of research fellows from other Indian Universities utilize the library's rich collections. Amongst those who utilized the Library from universities outside India, mention might be made of: Ch. Bouy, Sorbonne University, Paris; Mr. P. C. Chandrkaew, Mahacula Buddhist University, Bangkok; Adrian J. Fernando, Frodham University, New York; Dr. (Miss) Geraldine Forbes, Associate Professor of History, State University, New York; and Dr. Hans Ruelius, Goettingen University, Fed. Rep. of Germany.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

During the year 360 volumes of journals and 89 books were bound by employing a special binding assistant and we are glad to announce that all backlogs in binding have been cleared and only the current volumes of journals are to be bound every year.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

Books.—During the year under report 2,240 books were added. Out of these 55 were purchased and the rest were gifts. Our appreciation and thanks are due to: Mr. Peter Glasson 420; Sankara Gurukulam 143; Jayananda Hiranandani 123 on advanced physics, computer mechanism, etc.; Miss C. Richie 187 light fiction books; Ministry of Education 87; A. V. Subramanian 77; U. S. I. S. 33 latest books on American History and Civilization; P. R. Thiruvengadam 29; *The Theosophist* office 29 review books; Miss Joy Mills 21 on science and psychology; 81 through the International President's and Recording Secretary's Offices; Dr. A. Kannan 21 science books; Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan 58; 45 on exchange with Adyar Library Publications; and Mr. J. T. Thadhani 16 in Sindhi. To all these and many others we offer our sincere thanks.

Our thanks are also extended to the following for continuing to send their publications to the Library: The Theosophical Publishing Houses, Adyar, London and Wheaton (Ill.); Adyar Verlag, Graz (Theosophical Publications in German); Adyar, Paris (Theosophical Publications in French); Point Loma Publications, Inc., San Diego, U.S.A.; The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Calif., U. S. A. We would like to extend our special thanks to the National President, The Theosophical Society in America, for arranging through the Kern Foundation a gift of reprints

of all the *Secret Doctrine* reference books to the Library.

Book Cataloguing.—During the year under report reclassification of all the books on Indian Medicine, Agriculture, Indian Arts including architecture, sculpture, painting, music, etc., has been completed and detailed subject references given.

Journal References.—The project of preparing detailed references for the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* and *The Theosophist* is progressing steadily. Such references are now available for the years 1865-1906 of the former and vols. 1-58 of the latter.

DONATIONS:

The Library expresses its thanks to Mrs. Radha Burnier Rs. 1,200/- in cash and Rs. 3,000/- worth of new books. Our thanks are also to Miss Gerda Hofer, Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, U.S.A., and many others who contributed in cash and kind.

VISITORS:

The priceless collections of the Library attract a great number of visitors. Amongst the many visitors mention may

be made of: Dr. Al. V. Gerasimov, Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow; Dr. K. Werner, School of Oriental Studies, University of Durham; H. H. Sri Sankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakothi-pitham; Mr. and Mrs. Rajiv Gandhi, Delhi; V. V. Giri, former President of India; A. S. Chile, Ambassador to Egypt; M. P. Pandit, Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry; Jasjit Singh, Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs, New Delhi; A. K. Avasthi, Reprography Officer, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi.

I wish to thank S. N. Muni Rao for giving part time help in the Library. Due to his assistance it was possible for us to make an inventory of all the journals and books in the Eastern Section. We hope to complete by next year the inventory in the Western and Theosophy sections.

I also wish to place on record our sincere thanks to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their continued assistance in the research section as Advisers and members of the Editorial Board.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE THEOSOPHICAL ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

Adyar, Madras 600 020, India.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1975—1976

We have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of The Theosophical Islamic Association for the year 1975-1976. The Association has completed fifty-four years of existence.

The Membership as on 30th September 1976 is 86 including 12 Life Members.

During the year under review, the following meetings were held at Adyar under the auspices of the Association:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Subject</i>
October 14, 1975	Mr. T. D. Thirumalai	Gandhiji and Communal Harmony
November 20	Prof. H. E. Hakim	Theosophy in the Quran
November 30	Prof. Sisir Kumar Ghosh	Poetry and Liberation
February 19, 1976	Dr. U. Muhammad	My Pilgrimage to Mecca
March 4	Prof. H. E. Hakim	Meher Baba and Sufism
August 23	Mr. Rohit Mehta	Yoga in Islam
September 30	Dr. S. Shankar Raju Naidu	Mystic Love in Mundane Life

During the Centenary Convention, Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Gool Minwalla delivered two lectures entitled "Mysticism in Islam" and "Theosophy in Pakistan" respectively.

Since August 1976, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy has resumed his study classes on the Holy Quran.

Prof. H. E. Hakim has published his booklet entitled *Islam and Sufism in the Light of Theosophy* under the auspices of the Association and has borne all the expenses. With a grant from the Non-English Publications Fund, we have re-printed the Arabic edition of *At the Feet of the Master*. These booklets were released during the Centenary Convention.

We are thankful to the President and other officers of the Theosophical Society for giving us all encouragement and co-operation.

F. M. G. SAYEED,
Secretary.

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

To the 16 national sections, which existed at the end of last year, we can now add those in the following countries: Colombia, Japan, Singapore, the Argentine, Yugoslavia and Spain. The names and addresses of all the National Directors can be found in Bulletins 3 and 4, which also give particulars of the work in their sections. All the bulletins are available on demand, at the office of the T.O.S. in Adyar.

From *South Africa* the Gen. Secretary T.S. writes that members there, although not working in an organized way, are engaged in one way or another and many are concerned with animal welfare, vegetarianism, the organic soil movement, homeopathy, nature cure and other fields of work that will bring back the equilibrium in life.

All the TOS workers present at the 1976 Convention, will receive the brochure "A World Campaign for Humaneness", initiated by the *Belgian Section T.S.* and now being translated into English, Spanish, Portuguese, German and also obtainable in its original language: French. I expect that everyone of you will help to make this Campaign a World Success. We congratulate the Belgian Section for this fine initiative.

Belgium is also very active—this under the leadership of Mme. Ariane de Berg—in trying to abolish hunting, the unnecessary killing of harmless animals and birds.

The *Argentine* reports a fine cooperation with the General Secretary T.S. They collected enough funds to deliver sugar, tea, biscuits, soap and towels this

Christmas to an Institute for the Crippled. They also can help the Salvation Army, which since it is not a Catholic institution, gets very little help from elsewhere, with essential goods. Also the newly founded group in Rosario is splendidly active.

Pakistan.—The Karachi Branch sent us a splendid report on their activities. These are: Relief and Rehabilitation, Art and Education, Work for the Handicapped, Health and Healing and Animal Welfare. They also have a "Save the Children Fund" Sponsorship Scheme. I am sure I can obtain copies of this report for those who are interested.

The national section of *Italy* sent us a report on their activities, which concern: social services, youth work, work among women, work for prisoners, animal welfare, world peace, arts and music; in brief, they do magnificent work in all the fields of work through the Heart.

India.—A Colloquium was held at Khandala in October '76, which showed remarkable results. I expect that the resumé will be available during Convention, as I have requested Br. R. M. Toddywalla from the T.O.S. Bombay Region, to bring some copies.

We are very pleased at this occasion of the International Convention being used for a meeting of all the Regional Secretaries of India and we trust that it will give good results.

I may draw your attention to the T.O.S. booklet *In Harmony with Nature* which is on sale in the T.P.H. and in the T.O.S. office.

GUSTA KOOPMAN,
International Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded **The Founders** The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Asso-

Income and property applied to promotion of objects

ciation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of General Council not answerable

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..
 „ PYARE LAL ..
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than

12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the

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General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides oc-

casional for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Recording Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman

from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the Recording Secretary or other person appointed by the Committee calls for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council by air-mail and at the same time by ordinary mail. Any member of the Society in good standing may be nominated. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make three nominations, but each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Federation Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nominations, and also the written consent of the nominees, reach the Recording Secretary within three months of the date of the call for nominations. No nominee shall be put on the voting list unless supported by at least five nominations.

At the expiration of three months, the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. The names of the nominees qualified to be on the voting list shall be listed in alphabetical order. This list shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall then immediately communicate by air-mail (and at the same time by ordinary mail) the voting list, together with the names of the nominators of the respective candidates to the General Secretaries, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and Presidential Agents and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Agent shall make known the names of the candidates and their respective nominators to the members in his area and take the votes of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration at the close of the last official year of the Section or area who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary who shall himself take the votes of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters at the close of the last official year of the Society, who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year. If only one name remains on the voting list, the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of three months from the date of issue of the voting list by the Recording Secretary, the voting returns shall be totalled by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The Candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and he shall assume office thirty days thereafter. In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated

as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes by the Recording Secretary, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues to the International Society have been paid for the last official year.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President,

the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee for consideration at its next following meeting, and shall become valid if approved by a majority of votes of the whole number at the said meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present nor counting as members of the Executive Committee for purposes of such votes. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other

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business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Execu-

tive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may

appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Agent from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Agent, as entered by him and duly reported to the Recording Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Recording Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that

National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the

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President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of

this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches).

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(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Federation to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business

and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below 49, the Recording Secretary shall report that fact to the General Council. If during the following three years the membership of the National Society remains below 49, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, Rs. 18.00; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, Rs. 4.50; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, Rs. 4.50; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency for Charter Rs. 18.00, when printed at Adyar, or supplied from Adyar Headquarters. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary such fees and charges and the Recording Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes within three months of their being made. The Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their Annual Subscription pro rata for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of Rs. 1.13 per quarter or as fixed by the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay

to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of Rs. 4 50 and an Annual Subscription of Rs. 18.00. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary these fees, and the Recording Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the

Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule

31. (c) (except where the law of the

country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided), and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee

for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges (Branches) desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a

place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY, 1977

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. JOHN B. S. COATS

Vice-President: MISS JOY MILLS

Recording Secretary: DR. (MRS.) JEAN RAYMOND

Treasurer: MR. C. R. N. SWAMY

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Mrs. Dora Kunz	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
1888	England	... Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins	... 50, Gloucester Place, London, WIH 3HJ
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221001
1895	Australia	... Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	... Fourth Floor, 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W., 2060
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Curt Berg	... The Theosophical Society, Karlavägen 44, S-114 49, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	... Mr. Neill Edgar	... 10, Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3
1897	The Netherlands	... Drs. H. M. Brandt	... 7 Kruisstraat, Utrecht—2502
1899	France	... Mr. S. Lancri	... 4, Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Italy	... Sgr. Edoardo Bratina	... 34131 Trieste, Corso Umberto Saba N. 6
1902	Germany	... Herr Siegfried Kuska	... 4460 Nordhorn, Postfach 1766, Weg zum Resum 1 A
1905	Cuba	... Sr. Juan Bautista Rodriguez Oliva	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Hungary	...	...
1907	Finland	... Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia	...	...
1909	Southern Africa	... Mrs. A. M. G. Bischoff	... P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg, South Africa
1910	Scotland	... Mr. James G. Mitchell	... 15, Bingham Cres., Milltimber, Aberdeen AB1 0HP
1910	Switzerland	... Mr. G. Tripet	... Av. Dumas 29, CH-1206, Geneva
1911	Belgium	... Mme. Berthe Nyssens	... 51, Rue de Commerce, 1040 Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia*	... Mr. R. S. Soejatno	... Djalan Tawakkal, IX/3, Grogol, Djakarta
1912	Burma	... U Kyaw Sein	... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. Norbert Lauppert	... Kaiserfeldgasse 19, Postfach 655, A-8011 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Hilda Fraser	... Gabels Gate 45 B, Oslo 2
1918	Egypt	...	...
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Hardy Bennis	... Knastebakken 167, DK-2750 Ballerup

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1919	Ireland	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... Alexandra Guild House, 30 Leinster Road West, Dublin 6
1919	Mexico	... Sra. Juana de Suarez del Real	... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. T. G. Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2M3
1920	Argentina	... Sr. Juan Viñas	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Sra. Raquel Escobedo de Modrow	Casilla 538, Limache
1920	Brazil	... Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	... Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina, 8, 17º andar, Rio de Janeiro 20000
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Gudjón B. Baldvinsson	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires da Pátria 69, Lisbon 1
1922	Wales	... Mr. Charles E. M. James	... 206 Newport Rd., Cardiff CF2 1DL
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Sr. Justo V. de la Vega	... J. Barrios Amorin St., 1085, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Sr. Aramis Lopez Tirado	... Calle Isaura Arnau 1149, Country Club, Rio Piedras 00924
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	... Mrs. Mila Grubacevic	... Lino Mariani, 17, Pula 52000
1926	Sri Lanka	... Mr. T. R. Rustomjee	... 49 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6
1928	Greece	... Mr. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens 122
1929	Central America	... Srta. Carmen Aguilar Alvarez	... Ave. Simeon Cañas 3-11, Zona 2, Guatemala, Rep. of Guatemala
1929	Paraguay	...	...
1929	Peru	...	...
1933	Philippines	... Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio	... Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts., Quezon City
1937	Colombia	... Sr. Manuel Arevalo	... Carrera 6a, No. 56-40, Bogotá
1947	East & Central Africa	... Mr. H. M. Chhaya	... P.O. Box 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
1948	Pakistan*	... Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	... "Q" House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi-4
1948	Malaysia*	... Mr. S. Narayanan	... 12, Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1949	Northern Ireland†	... Mr. Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AR, United Kingdom
1950	Israel	...	...
1951	Japan	...	...
1952	Viet-Nam	...	...
1953	Venezuela*	... Señor Pablo Bonilla T.	... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	West Africa†	... Mr. Isaac K. Zaney	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	Bolivia*	... Sra. Elvira Cabrera de Sanabria	... Casilla 1073, Cochabamba

European Federation	... Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith	... 2, Tekels Park, Camberley Surrey, GU15 2LF, England
(of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		
Canadian Federation	... Mrs. Ida Frances Stephen	... 2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
(attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		
Inter-American Federation	Sr. Luis Spairani	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina
World Federation of Young Theosophists	... Mr. Nat Altman,	... R.F.D. 1 Old Church Road, Putnam Valley, N. Y. 10573, U.S.A.

* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the
† Federation } General Council.

Additional Members of the General Council

- MRS. RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, 17 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3, New Zealand (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MR. LESLIE H. LESLIE-SMITH, 2 Tekels Park, Camberley GU15 2LF, Surrey, England (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MR. JAMES S. PERKINS, The Manor, 2 Iluka Road, Mosman, N.S.W. 2088, Australia (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1976, 1977 and 1978).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6 JY, United Kingdom (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MR. V. WALLACE SLATER, ^{55 Southfields, Hendon} ~~10 Cranmer Court, Wickliffe Avenue~~, London, ^{NW4 4HX} ~~N3 3HG~~, England (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MR. LUIS SPAIRANI, Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MR. C. R. N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1975, 1976 and 1977).
- MRS. ANN WYLIE, No. 36, Krotana Hill, Ojai, California 93023 U.S.A. (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
- MR. SEYMOUR D. BALLARD, P.O. Box 534, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936 (for 1977, 1978 and 1979).
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SUMMARY

Of the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 25th and 31st December 1976 and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th January 1977.

PRESENT

Mr. John B. S. Coats	.. President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Italy.
Miss Joy Mills	.. Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Central America and for Mr. Luis Spairani, Additional Member.
Dr. Jean Raymond	.. Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Burma, Yugoslavia, and East and Central Africa.
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	.. Treasurer.
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in France and Germany.
Mrs. Radha Burnier	.. General Secretary of the T.S. in India, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Finland, Belgium and Columbia, and for Mr. L.H. Leslie-Smith, Additional Member.
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	.. Additional Member and Proxy for Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Additional Member (Present 31-12-76 and 4-1-77).
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	.. Additional Member.
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	.. Additional Member (Present 25-12-76 and 31-12-76).
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	.. Additional Member.
Mrs. Ann Wylie	.. Additional Member.
Mr. Seymour Ballard	.. Observer (Puerto Rico) (Present 25-12-76, 31-12-76, 1-1-77, 2-1-77 and 3-1-77).
Mr. Michel Caracostea	.. Observer (France) (Present 25-12-76, 31-12-76, 1-1-77, 2-1-77 and 3-1-77).
Mr. R. H. Patel	.. Observer (East and Central Africa) (Present 25-12-76).
Mr. Vicente Hao Chin	.. Observer (The Philippines) (Present 1-1-77).

Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 13th, 16th, and 19th November and 19th, 23rd and 30th December 1975:

The Minutes were adopted with amendments.

Election of four additional members for the years 1977, 1978 and 1979:

The voting was as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Mr. Seymour Ballard	36	1	1	38
(b) Mr. Geoffrey Hodson	35	1	2	38
(c) Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	36	1	1	38
(d) Mrs. Ann Wylie	37	1	—	38

The above were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Committee on Structures and Procedures:

The following points were discussed.

(a) *Second Vice-President.* It was accepted that the need for a second Vice-President is not indicated at present.

(b) *Deletion of "Recording" from "Recording Secretary".* It was resolved to circulate this proposal to the Council for voting.

(c) *Powers and duties of the Executive Committee.* A proposal outlining the powers and the duties of the Executive Committee was drawn up and it was resolved that this be circulated to the Council for voting.

(d) *Replacement of the word "co-optation" in Rule 14 by the word "co-option".* It was resolved to circulate this proposal to the Council for voting.

(e) *Definition of Federation.* It was agreed in principle that the Federations (as defined in the International Rules) and Presidential Agencies be included under a general term "Regional Associations" having a Regional Secretary appointed by the President. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Structures and Procedures was requested to rewrite Rules 35 (c) and (d) accordingly in the form of one Rule to be circulated for voting.

(f) *Number of Members and Lodges required to form and maintain a National Society or Section.* It was agreed in principle that Rule 35 (a) & Rule 36 para 2 be amended so that seven Lodges and seventy members are required to form a Section, and five Lodges and seventy members are required to maintain a Section. The matter was referred to the Committee on Structures and Procedures for detailed consideration and redrafting of the Rules for voting. Any change should take effect three years from the date of adoption of the amended Rules.

(g) *Amendment to Rule 38.* It was agreed to circulate for voting an amendment to Rule 38 so that it should read "every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary."

(h) *Sectional Autonomy and the dissolution of a Lodge.* This question was raised in a motion submitted by the General Secretary of the Belgian Section. After discussion it was agreed that as the Rules are presently constituted, a Section does not have the right to dissolve a Lodge, and the International President is the only one with this authority.

It is also the President's prerogative to maintain the existence of a Lodge attained directly to Adyar within the jurisdiction of a National Society or Section. However it was resolved to refer to the Committee on Structures and Procedures the proposal to revise Rule 36 requiring that due consultation with the National Society and branch concerned be made by the President before he reaches his decision. The revised Rule is to be circulated to the Council for voting.

(i) *Uniformity of Charter design.* It was agreed that it would be preferable to have greater uniformity of design and wording for Lodge Charters throughout all the Sections. The Committee on Structures and Procedures is to work out a proposal.

(j) *Recognition of Study Centres.* It was pointed out that National Societies and Sections which have Study Centres give them some form of official recognition, but there is no provision for them in the International Rules and no recognition from Adyar. The Committee is to consider the matter.

(k) *Amendments to Rule 10.* An *ad hoc* committee was formed to consider the amendments as presented in 1974 to the Council and to prepare them for recirculation for voting. The committee consisted of Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. Seymour Ballard, Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Dr. Jean Raymond.

The question of some form of electoral college instead of universal suffrage was discussed and it was resolved to circulate Council members for their opinions.

It was resolved to re-appoint all the existing members of the Committee on Structures and Procedures, i.e.,

Mr. John B. S. Coats, *President, Chairman*

Miss Joy Mills, *Vice-Chairman*

Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, *Chairman, European Federation*

Mr. Luis Spairani, *President, Inter-American Federation*

Mrs. Radha Burnier, *General Secretary, Indian Section*

Mrs. Elaine Murdoch, *General Secretary, Australian Section*

Mr. A.B. Patel

It was also resolved to appoint the Recording Secretary to the Committee as this office is intimately involved in administering the structure and procedures of the Society.

History Book:

Dr. Hugh Shearman is unable to proceed for the time being with his manuscript on the history of the Society. The Council's earlier decision not to distribute the booklet written by Mr. L. H. Leslie Smith was confirmed.

It was resolved to embark as and when possible on the project to record a definitive history of the Theosophical Movement, possibly in a series of volumes dealing with various periods and personalities.

Judiciary Committee:

A Judiciary Committee was appointed consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. A. B. Patel and Mr. A. R. Bakshi. Its terms as reference are as follows:

- (1) To interpret the Rules of the International Society when requested to do so by the President, General Council, and/or Executive Committee.

- (2) To examine the Rules of National Societies in relation to the Rules of the International Society in order to determine their compatibility.
- (3) To serve as an advisory and consultative body to the President on matters pertaining to the International and National Rules and situations arising therefrom.

Kotagiri Properties and Management:

A report was given on the current situation of the properties. The present management is not entirely satisfactory and attempts are being made to improve it. A serious problem with regard to holding seminars at the properties during the summer months is the water shortage and methods of solving this are being looked into.

Theosophical Magazines:

In spite of attempts to widen the appeal of *The Theosophist*, the increase in circulation had been minimal. The matter was discussed, and various suggestions put forward. It was reported that at the International Publishing Conference held in Huizen in September 1976, it had been decided to remove the supplement and list of donations from *The Theosophist* and include them in the *Adyar Newsletter*. It was resolved that this be done from April 1977.

Damodar Gardens—Utilization following vacating of Besant Theosophical High School on 30th June 1976:

After discussion it was agreed in principle that a project be developed for a centre of creative activity for children, providing activities out of school hours and in holidays. Extensive repairs and renovations must first be carried out on the property. It was reported that the Besant Centenary Trust had removed all the material of which the temporary cottages were constructed so no question arises of the T.S. paying the B.C.T. compensation for these. It was agreed that no compensation is due to the B.C.T. for the playground in Besant Gardens taking into consideration such factors as (a) the nominal rental of Re. 1/- per month which the B.C.T. had been paying to the T.S. for the use of the playground for many years and (b) the state of disrepair in which the Damodar Gardens Bungalow had been handed over on 30th June 1976, which was contrary to the terms of the Lease and which would involve the T.S. in considerable expenditure to put it in order again.

Olcott Memorial School and Olcott Kuppam School:

The President reported that the Olcott Harijan Free Schools Board, which manages the Olcott Schools, had intended to close the Kuppam School and absorb the children and staff in the Olcott Memorial Elementary School. However, this had not been permitted by the Education Department and there is now a possibility that the Kuppam School will be handed over to another organization.

Aid to Adyar Employees:

It was reported that out of the Adyar Employees Fund it had been possible to disburse rice to the employees in December 1976. Further disbursements of rice and clothing would be carried out in January and February 1977 respectively. Donations were still being sent to the Fund.

It was resolved to instruct the Executive Committee to investigate the wage structure on the Estate in relation to the present cost of living and also in relation to proposed retrenchment in some departments and other economies. It was agreed that it is preferable to have a smaller adequately paid staff, and not to rely on appeals for donations to supplement the wages. It was reported that no further development had taken place regarding introducing greater mechanisation where suitable.

Houses Along Sea Front—Beach House Type 7A:

It was reported that the completed Beach House consisting of a row of five self-contained flats, was very popular and was almost always full. Plans for further houses along the sea front had been deferred for the time being.

Centenary Celebrations Report—Finances:

The Treasurer reported on the expenditure for the Centenary Celebrations, including utilisation of the Century Fund, which was closed on 31-3-76. The loan from the A.B.C. Fund had been repaid in full. An amount of Rs. 65,108/- was shown as excess of income over expenditure in the statement of the Centenary Convention Account, and was transferred to the Century Fund before it was closed. A deficit of Rs. 51,000/- arising from the printing and sale of Centenary Calendars was taken direct to the Century Fund.

Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research:

The Vice-President Miss Joy Mills who is also Director of Studies of the Centre reported on its activities. The Centre had been inaugurated on 4-10-76. It was agreed that courses at the Centre should be developed so that they may serve as college credits for students. The existence of the Centre and the facilities at the Adyar Library for research should be made known to appropriate universities. The possibility of developing courses for teachers such as on comparative religion should be investigated.

Archives:

An agreement had been reached with the Nehru Museum and Archives, Delhi, for making positives from the microfilms of the Adyar Archives to send to other countries for safe-keeping. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining microfilms of Archives in overseas Sections as well as in other branches of the Theosophical Movement to be added to the Adyar Archives.

Management Studies and Measures taken, including Revision of Charges:

The President reported that as the management experts who had started to investigate the various departments on the Estate had been unable to complete their work, Mr. R. Gopalaratnam, General Manager, had taken up the work and had submitted very detailed reports on almost all the departments, with various recommendations. These had been largely adopted by the Executive Committee. Charges in the Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala/Quadrangles had been revised on the basis of the reports. Some other changes had been made, for example, in staff. Some recommendations would take time to implement, such as the retrenchment of staff in certain departments. However, it was possible to report that a great reduction in expenditure had already taken place due to tighter control.

Shrines at Adyar; Meditation Room:

It was reported that approximately Rs. 28,000 had already been donated for the construction of the Sikh shrine. The existing plan is estimated to cost Rs. 34,000. It was agreed that the shrine should be reduced in size. It was also agreed that as nothing further has been heard from the Jain community regarding a Jain shrine, this proposal be dropped. There was discussion on a suitable site for a meditation room. It was agreed that the present Museum room (old Adyar Library) in the Headquarters Building would be ideal for the purpose. When suitable alternate premises are found for the Museum possibly housing the Archives as well, the meditation room can be located there.

Old Olcott School Premises—Utilization:

It was reported that during 1976, some use had been made of the buildings for (a) a free dispensary run by AuMoryaPur, (b) a free homeopathic dispensary and (c) accommodaton for flood victims. No progress had been made with the proposal that the premises be used for cottage industries. Three educational institutions had made enquiries if the property were available for lease or sale. After discussion, it was agreed that it may be sold and that the Council be circulated for voting on this proposal. It was pointed out that it is outside the Estate proper and there is plenty of land available within the Estate boundaries for the development of any projects which may be taken up at a future date.

Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, United Nations:

Not much progress has been made on this matter. It was pointed out that a previous application made some years earlier for consultative status as a non-governmental organization had been refused, because the Society has no official policy on many questions, its members being free to make their individual decisions. However, it was resolved to continue to explore the matter.

Subba Row Medal:

Although it had been agreed in 1975 to award the Subba Row Medal to Dr. I. K. Taimni, the President, stated that a suitable occasion had not arisen to present it to him. It was agreed that Dr. I. K. Taimni be informed of the award and that it be presented to him at his home in Lucknow.

It was also agreed that the Subba Row Medal be awarded to Dr. E. Lester-Smith and his co-authors of the book *Intelligence Came First*.

Periodic Communication of International Treasurer to National Treasurers:

Owing to pressure of work, the Treasurer had not been able to issue a letter during 1976. It was agreed that some communication should be issued periodically but that it should be addressed to the General Secretaries of the National Societies and not to the Treasurers. The aim should be to keep the Sections informed and to explain various matters relating to finance in the International Society.

Lands in Sind:

The Treasurer reported that, in accordance with the General Council's instructions, the lands in Sind had been written off in the financial statement for 1975-76. However,

information had subsequently come to light indicating that land at Chandigarh may have been granted in compensation by the Indian Government to the family of the original donor. The matter is being investigated.

Budget for the Years ending 31st March 1977 and 31st March 1978:

The results of the postal voting for the Budget for the year ending 31st March 1977 were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
30	—	—	30

The vote in favour of the Budget was confirmed.

It was reported that the Finance Committee had been able to revise the budget for 1976-77 based on the actuals for the six months ending 30th September 1976. This had contributed to the making of a more realistic budget for 1977-78. The budget for 1977-78 was presented and adopted. An increase of Rs. 5,000/- had been budgeted for acquisitions for the Adyar Library. Quarters' maintenance (lodging) charges and building repairs allocation had been added to the budgets of Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala to give a more realistic picture of income and expenditure. Although a budget was being presented for the Laundry Department, it was explained that it continued to be a losing proposition and consideration was being given to closing it if a satisfactory alternative arrangement could be made.

Appointment of Auditors for the Year ending 31st March 1978:

The existing Auditors Messrs. N. A. Naganathan & Co. were reappointed on the same terms as in the preceding year.

International Fund in Europe:

The Trustees had supplied the information that the final revision of the Deeds was almost completed and that the Fund would soon be registered. It is being based in the Netherlands. The Trustees are:

Mr. Curt Berg, Sweden
 Mr. Marijn Brandt, The Netherlands
 Mr. Peter Meyer-Dohm, Germany
 Mr. Aeisso Raven, The Netherlands
 Mr. V. Wallace Slater, England.

Non-English Publication Loan Fund Committee:

The report of the Committee for the year ending 30th September 1976 was received. It was resolved to delete the word "loan" from the Committee's name. The Chairman of the Committee, Miss Joy Mills, explained that it had been decided to give occasional grants in addition to loans, for special purposes. It was resolved to re-appoint the existing members as follows:

President (Chairman *ex-officio*), Vice-President (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith (Chairman, European Federation, *ex-officio*), Mr. Luis Spairani (President, Inter-American Federation, *ex-officio*), Mr. Clarence Pederson (Manager of Publications,

T.P.H. Wheaton) Mr. Michael Maxwell (Manager, T.P.H. London) and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan (Manager, T.P.H. Adyar.)

Application from Mr. S. Annaswami, Plot 190, Karpagam Gardens, for purchase of Small Parcel of Land:

Mr. S. Annaswami had asked to purchase a small parcel of land of about 700 square feet in Damodar Gardens, adjacent to his property. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that it should be circulated for voting, under Rule 21(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.

Circular Letter of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson on the Need to Popularize Theosophy:

Mr. Hodson's letter was considered. It was recognized that there is a need for the members of the Council to do their best to achieve the ends which Mr. Hodson had described and to do what they can to popularize a knowledge of Theosophy.

International Theosophical Youth Centre:

Reports from the Co-ordinators on the work of the Centre in the preceding year were presented. The President also reported on the activities. He remarked that there was no intention that the Centre form a separate organization, but that it serve as a department of the Society to encourage greater integration of young people into the Society's activities; to act as an agency for the collection and dissemination of information; and to work at all times to bring all members into a more harmonious cooperation. It was also intended to assist in popularising Theosophy among the young public, but it was not for young people only, as members of any age may become involved.

After discussion, it was resolved that the Centre be continued for a further two years. It should aim to be a voluntary, self-administered and financially self-supporting youth-oriented body although a small grant may be considered. A newsletter would be started. It was suggested that activities should include the training of young people to assume responsibility and in methods of communication.

Report of the Executive Committee for the Year ending 31st October 1976:

The Executive Committee report was received.

Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1977:

It was resolved to appoint the following members of the Executive Committee for 1977:

President	}	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer		
Mrs. Radha Burnier, member of the General Council		
Mr. R. Gopalaratnam		
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, member of the General Council		
Mrs. Norma Sastry		
Mr. C. Seshadri		

*Alleged transgressions by a Branch of the Belgian Section of the General Council
Resolution of 30th December 1950 Concerning Freedom of the Society:*

The General Secretary for Belgium had raised a question regarding the alleged transgression of a branch of the Section, of the General Council resolution. The question was discussed. As the particular problem referred to appeared to be resolving itself, it was resolved not to take any action on the matter. However it was agreed that according to the General Council resolution, a branch of the Theosophical Society which affiliates itself with another organization cannot keep its Charter as a branch of the Theosophical Society.

*World Campaign for Humaneness Launched by the Belgian Section in Response to the
Appeal by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson made in 1975:*

The General Secretary for Belgium had requested the General Council to give support to the World Campaign for Humaneness launched by the Belgian Section. It was agreed that all members present viewed the Campaign sympathetically and considered it very much in keeping with the Objects of the Society. It was agreed that the specific carrying out of the Campaign may be done with the aid of the Theosophical Order of Service.

Reports of Task Forces and Working Groups of 1975 and Proposals Contained Therein:

The reports were received. It was resolved to compile a report on what has actually been carried out of the proposals and circulate this to members of the Council.

International Advisory Committee on Science and Theosophy:

It was agreed to form an International Advisory Committee on Science and Technology as per the following terms of reference:

- (a) To advise the President on matters relating to Science and Technology in relation to Theosophy.
- (b) To encourage study and research in Science and Technology in relation to Theosophy.
- (c) To support the work of the International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research at Adyar.
- (d) To correspond as far as possible with like-minded institutions.
- (e) To collaborate with the Theosophical World Trust for Education and Research in encouraging groups of scientists/technologists in the national sections of the Theosophical Society to work together on matters pertaining to Science and Technology in relation to Theosophy, and also to encourage them to arrange conferences/lectures on the subjects in these sections.
- (f) To report annually to the President.

With regard to (a) above, the committee will be in a position to advise editors of theosophical journals and other Theosophical Society members about

developments in Science and Technology in relation to Theosophy, after consultation with the President.

It is proposed that the Advisory Committee should establish a register of scientifically qualified F.T.S.

The Theosophical World Trust for Education and Research has agreed to collaborate with the Committee, and the Theosophical Research Centre, England, has agreed that its journal be converted into an international journal on Science and Technology. The journal will continue to be published from England for the time being with Dr. E. Lester Smith as Chairman of the Editorial Board. It will be sponsored by TWTER and managed by the Theosophical Research Centre with an international editorial board and the International President as the President of the Board. It will be stated that the journal is published by the Theosophical Society, Adyar. There need be no financial or other commitment from the International Society. Dr. A. Kannan and Mr. K. Viswanathan will be joint secretaries of the International Committee on Science and Technology.

Letter from Mr. M. S. Prasad, National Director, T.O.S., India, regarding Resolution on the United Nations passed by the General Council in 1947:

Mr. Prasad had written to the President asking that the attention of the Council be drawn to the Resolution of 1947 recommending that all Lodges be informed of the work of the United Nations and that one meeting each year be devoted to describing its work. The recommendation was noted.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1976

National Sections (Active)	39
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	5
Federations formed under Rule 35(c) ..	3
Total Lodges ..	1,189
Total Membership 1975 ..	34,357
Total Membership 1976 ..	34,693
Increase	336

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	93	5,657
2. England ..	70	2,182
3. India ..	453	9,737
4. Australia ..	15	1,331
5. Sweden ..	9	315
6. New Zealand ..	17	1,389
7. The Netherlands ..	26	1,007
8. France ..	47	1,400
9. Italy ..	23	596
10. Germany ..	13	305
11. Cuba ..	19	430
12. Hungary ..	—	—
13. Finland ..	21	474
14. Russia ..	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa ..	9	378
17. Scotland ..	4	100
18. Switzerland ..	9	245
19. Belgium ..	11	262
20. Indonesia* ..	21	795
21. Burma ..	6	112
22. Austria ..	4	239
23. Norway ..	8	137
24. Egypt ..	—	—
25. Denmark ..	16	380
26. Ireland ..	3	40
27. Mexico ..	25	359
28. Canada ..	13	293
29. Argentina ..	42	893
30. Chile ..	9	52
31. Brazil ..	38	1,003
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—
33. Iceland (1976) ..	13	611 (1976)
34. Spain ..	—	—
35. Portugal ..	13	260
36. Wales ..	3	89
37. Poland ..	—	—
38. Uruguay ..	11	190
39. Puerto Rico ..	2	78

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
40. Rumania ..	—	—
41. Yugoslavia ..	4	100
42. Sri Lanka ..	7	75
43. Greece ..	5	237
44. Central America ..	14	206
45. Paraguay ..	—	—
46. Peru (see below) ..	—	—
47. The Philippines ..	20	297
48. Colombia ..	9	151
49. East & Central Africa ..	24	1,097
50. Pakistan* ..	4	170 (1976)
51. Malaysia* ..	2 (1974)	60 (1974)
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	38
53. Israel (see below) ..	—	—
54. Japan (see below) ..	—	—
55. Viet-Nam (No Report) ..	—	—
56. Venezuela* ..	3 (1974)	40 (1974)
57. West Africa† ..	11 (1973)	241 (1973)
58. Bolivia* ..	5 (1973)	38 (1973)
59. Canadian Federation† ..	10	142
60. Fellows-at-Large ..	—	194
61. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Chile ..	1	13 (1972)
Israel ..	5	94
Peru ..	5	60
Hong Kong ..	1	12
Singapore ..	1	41
Japan ..	1	22
Bangladesh ..	1	26
Total	1,189	34,693

Study Centres:		
United States of America ..	..	57
England ..	..	21
India ..	..	25
Australia ..	..	1
Italy ..	..	3
Switzerland ..	..	1
Argentina ..	..	5
Brazil ..	..	2
Mexico ..	..	2
The Philippines ..	..	2

DR. JEAN RAYMOND,
Recording Secretary.

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 1976

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	— 83,956.95		— 112,031.02	
Bhojanasala ...	— 22,044.52		— 45,663.09	
Consumer Stores ...	+ 665.89		+ 2,114.10	
Garden Department ...	— 40,648.13		— 79,560.88	
Laundry Department ...	— 8,523.40		— 8,749.61	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 27,359.91		— 82,183.41	
Maintenance Department ...	— 84,776.61		— 73,071.94	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 62,246.33		+ 65,773.74	
Vasanta Press ...	+ 1,448.31		+ 2,523.36	
		202,948.99		330,848.75
Depreciation:				
On Kotagiri Property ...	1,269.75		1,881.62	
On Immovable Property ...	59,009.17		71,933.69	
On Korestat Copier, Film Projector & Air Conditioner ...	—		7,051.40	
On Motor Vehicles ...	16,915.20		13,690.25	
On Movable Property ...	7,910.61		16,914.30	
		85,104.73		111,471.26
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Adyar Newsletter ...	—		1,923.32	
Bad debts ...	194.95		612.78	
Boundary Expenses ...	28,499.15		29,077.44	
Convention 1975 ...	16,479.10		—	
Child Welfare Centre ...	12,533.78		7,330.62	
Dispensary ...	12,408.38		16,631.94	
Fire Insurance ...	1,167.30		1,514.15	
Gulistan Maintenance ...	2,255.30		2,633.69	
International Offices ...	24,952.46		15,687.44	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	8,150.00		9,512.50	
Light & Water ...	5,016.43		14,325.91	
Miscellaneous ...	12,731.67		13,255.12	
Museum and Archives ...	4,544.74		9,798.32	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	7,794.93		14,292.79	
Printing and Stationery ...	17,725.32		26,643.92	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,450.81		1,951.13	
Repairs and Renewals ...	202,955.74		242,236.15	
Retirement Allowances ...	12,132.63		17,006.09	
Salaries and Wages ...	54,483.04		85,148.21	
Sanitation ...	15,246.60		20,778.16	
Taxes ...	17,733.51		76,745.92	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,695.03		1,889.14	
Watch and Ward ...	60,264.35		77,480.66	
		520,415.22		686,475.40
Gratuity Allocation ...		4,718.00		4,802.00
		813,186.94		1,133,597.41

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

17th November, 1976.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

C. R. N. SWAMY,

Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1976

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Examined and found correct.
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
(R. A. RAMAN, Partner),
Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	4,999,181.07		5,036,108.28	
Add: Receipts during the year:				
Bequests ...	90,178.22		28,817.21	
Donations ...	1,756.60		11,384.60	
Fees and Dues ...	115,086.71		156,459.55	
Balance of Life Policy of Late R.E. Ani ...	201.00		4,251.00	
Surplus on disposal of Buildings and lands ...	53,286.97		15,500.00	
Value of Bonus Shares ...	2,259.77		—	
75th Anniversary Book Transfers ...	15.39		46.80	
	—		47,563.59	
	5,261,965.73		5,300,131.03	
Less: Transfers ...	2,000.00		—	
	5,259,965.73		5,300,131.03	
Less: Reversals ...	—		8,419.62	
	5,259,965.73		5,291,711.41	
Less: Value of Land in Sindh written off ...	—		10,000.00	
	5,259,965.73		5,281,711.41	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	223,857.45		699,152.51	
		5,036,108.28		4,582,558.90
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)		2,157,423.58		2,167,356.91
Century Fund (a) ...		276,622.35		—
Exchange Equalisation Fund ...		182,992.47		182,992.47
Other Funds: (See Notes below)				
(i) Of The Society: Interest bearing				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	34,701.34		35,739.77	
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...	404,867.20		406,371.23	
		439,568.54		442,111.00
(ii) Of The Society: Non-Interest bearing				
President's Travelling Fund ...	152.79		21,851.24	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	202,188.01		238,540.54	
		202,340.80		
(iii) Of others: Interest bearing ...		98,155.81		260,391.78
(iv) Of others: Non-Interest bearing ...		13,162.22		102,330.92
				16,190.46
C/o		8,406,374.05		7,753,932.44

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1976

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable Properties: (At Cost)	201,399.12		199,586.09	
Less: Land sold during the year ...	1,813.03		500.00	
		199,586.09		199,086.09
Lands at Urur (At Cost) ...		3,882.40		3,882.40
Lands in Sindh ...		10,000.00		---
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,722,922.82		2,275,247.76	
Additions ...	552,324.94		443,748.06	
	2,275,247.76		2,718,995.82	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	680,588.85	1,594,658.91	752,522.54	1,966,473.28
Buildings under Construction :				
Beach Side Houses ...	16,325.37		74,423.18	
Buddhist Temple Tank ...	---		45,726.76	
Visitors' Lounge, Book shop and New Gate ...	3,944.50		---	
Compound Wall ...	21,467.31		---	
Besant Scout Camping Centre Pavilion ...	12,849.85	54,587.03	---	120,149.94
"Gulistan", KOTAGIRI (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,790.72		20,790.72	
Additions ...	---		24,473.85	
	20,790.72		45,264.57	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	9,704.91	11,085.81	10,836.53	34,428.04
"Rose Windows " KOTAGIRI (At Cost) ...	30,000.00			
As per last Balance Sheet ...	---		30,000.00	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	750.00	29,250.00	1,500.00	28,500.00
Movable Property at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	115,456.90		144,472.09	
Additions ...	29,765.19		67,994.89	
	145,222.09		212,466.98	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	99,645.28		116,559.58	
	45,576.81		95,907.40	
Less: Disposals ...	750.00	44,826.81	60.00	95,847.40
Motor Cars (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	56,057.50		130,309.58	
Additions ...	74,432.08		790.69	
	130,489.58		131,100.27	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	62,528.82		76,219.07	
	67,960.76		54,881.20	
Less: Disposals ...	180.00	67,780.76	---	54,881.20
C/o		2,015,657.81		2,503,248.35

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		8,406,374.05		7,753,932.44
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:					
Building Fund	...	602,478.70		602,478.70	
Immovable Property at Juhu	...	35,500.00		34,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds	...	10,479.87		12,459.87	
Gratuity Reserve	...	12,666.88		9,896.81	
			661,125.45		659,335.38
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:					
Capital Fund	...	111,685.21		56,393.25	
Reserves and Surplus	...	357,059.59		373,229.22	
Creditors	...	208,219.78		203,075.67	
T.P.H. Investments	...	288,000.00		148,000.00	
			964,964.58		780,698.14
Vasanta Press:					
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve	..	4,966.42		4,966.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve	...	12,825.14		8,021.25	
New Machinery Fund		774.00		431,932.15	
			18,565.56		444,919.82
Gratuity Reserve	...		156,526.35		142,423.20
Reserves:					
Casuarina Development	...		46,857.79		48,845.79
Sundry Creditors:					
For Departments	...	45,180.95		49,619.49	
For Others	...	497,950.65		456,565.24	
			543,131.60		506,184.73
Sundry Deposits	...		90,819.11		127,498.46
Liabilities for Expenses	...		4,000.00		15,522.96
Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.					
(b) Interest only available for general purposes.					
(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.					
			10,892,364.49		10,479,360.92

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020
17th November, 1976.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
C. R. N. SWAMY,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 31st MARCH 1976

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		2,015,657.81		2,503,248.35
Investments (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	255,051.76		255,051.76	
State Government Loans ...	271,037.00		250,495.00	
Foreign Investments ...	369,452.14		369,452.14	
Surrender Value of Life Policy ..	25,749.00		—	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	69,654.69		69,654.69	
Fixed Deposits ...	4,282,400.00		2,967,400.00	
		5,273,344.59		3,912,053.59
Interest Accrued on Investments ...		119,496.91		86,294.50
Departmental Assets:				
(As valued and certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	160.19		144.17	
Electrical Installations ...	54,671.59		47,423.23	
Telephone Installations ...	15,713.35		21,038.45	
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	72,983.39		114,467.93	
Printing Machinery etc. ...	622,069.87		962,585.90	
Amounts Recoverable ...	37,150.93		24,690.96	
Standing Crops and Developments	2,681.15		2,681.15	
Stock on hand ...	284,702.88		304,091.92	
		1,090,133.35		1,477,123.71
Korestat Copier:			24,419.45	
Less: Depreciation	—	—	4,883.90	
				19,535.55
Adyar Library Assets ...		1,046,512.42		1,083,697.76
T.P.H. Assets:				
Assets ...	677,445.21		815,944.54	
Investments ...	288,300.00		148,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances ...	35,349.75		58,357.72	
		1,001,094.96		1,022,602.26
Sundry Assets ...		3,370.35		2,744.05
Loans and Advances ...		112,856.61		152,393.35
Outstanding Income:				
Subscriptions ...	2,028.61		11,926.36	
Fees and Dues ...	—		3,559.04	
		2,028.61		15,485.40
Security Deposit ...		1,690.00		2,110.00
Sundry Debtors:				
(Considered good by Management)		149,612.70		30,450.18
Prepaid Expenses ...		1,387.74		6,265.23
Cash:				
In Madras Banks on Current				
Account ...	50,214.09		137,367.75	
In London Bank Account ...	11,333.13		11,409.54	
On hand ...	13,631.22		16,579.70	
		75,178.44		165,356.99
		10,892,364.49		10,479,360.92

Examined and found correct.
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
(R. A. RAMAN, Partner.)
Chartered Accountants.

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		Rs
1.	3 % Conversion Loan, 1946-1986	261,200
2.	4½ % Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank Debentures, 1969-76	100,000
3.	4½ % Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1970-80	15,000
4.	4½ % Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1971-76	130,000
5.	10 % Central Bank of India, Deposit	100,000
6.	10 % Bank of Baroda, Deposit	100,000
7.	10 % Punjab National Bank, Deposit	250,000
8.	10 % United Commercial Bank, Deposit	100,000
9.	10 % Indian Bank, Deposit	730,000
10.	10 % Grindlays Bank, Deposit	200,000
11.	10 % Bank of India, Deposit	90,000
12.	12 Years National Defence Certificates	10,000
13.	4 % Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3,000/-	63,000
14.	4½ % Kenya Government Loan £ 500/-	10,500
Total ...		2,159,700

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1976

	1974-75	1975-76
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	3,256.61	—
„ Australia	9,622.11	15 488.07
„ Austria	—	1,818.04
„ Belgium	1 710.07	1,727.25
„ Brazil	7 961.80	1 906.80
„ Canada	1 480.60	2,055.60
„ Central America	2,460.75	—
„ Chile	—	522.00
„ Colombia	279.75	—
„ Cuba	—	203.60
„ Denmark	515.86	—
„ East & Central Africa	1,183.55	—
„ England	9,878.09	7 651.84
„ Finland	2,843.96	2,576.50
„ France	—	12,553.20
„ Germany	919.95	2,542.70
„ Iceland	1,142.37	1,388.25
„ India	13,566.90	10,144.80
„ Ireland	—	175.19
„ Italy	2,046.00	—
„ Mexico	—	2 252.40
„ Netherlands	—	32,954.59
„ New Zealand	2,553.62	2,383.94
„ Northern Ireland	26.09	24.20
„ Norway	198.56	221.14
„ Philippines	764.50	43.00
„ Portugal	—	626.98
„ Puerto Rico	406.98	—
„ Scotland	—	269.77
„ South Africa	2,068.68	2,239.38
„ Sri Lanka	—	—
„ Sweden	—	—
„ Switzerland	4,872.80	—
„ Uruguay	154.80	—
„ U. S. A.	37,211.41	46,185.25
„ Wales	353.90	—
„ West Africa	930.00	—
„ Yugoslavia	283.62	278.48
Canadian Federation	428.45	1 054.56
Lodges Attached to Adyar	3,543.05	4,694.42
Fellows-at-Large	2,421.88	2,477.60
Total	<u>115,086.71</u>	<u>156,459.55</u>

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1976-77

EXPENDITURE	Expenses 74-75	Budget for 75-76	Budget for 76-77	INCOME	Receipts 74-75	Budget for 75-76	Budget for 76-77
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments:				Special Departments:			
Adyar Library ...	93,259	105,600	100,400	Adyar Library ...	9,302	16,000	34,500
Bhojanasala ...	68,843	96,400	73,700	Bhojanasala ...	46,798	70,000	80,000
Consumer Stores ...	63,534	150,000	155,695	Consumer Stores ...	64,200	154,000	155,804
Garden Department ...	88,888	96,500	59,950	Garden Department ...	48,240	50,000	53,750
Laundry Department ...	17,394	18,755	18,025	Laundry Department ...	8,871	10,000	15,000
Leadbeater Chambers ...	91,688	119,350	101,650	Leadbeater Chambers ...	64,328	87,000	103,000
Maintenance Dept. ...	611,368	752,550	322,090	Maintenance Department... ..	526,592	622,287	268,310
Theosophical Publishing House ...	179,206	183,250	172,900	Theosophical Publishing House ...	241,452	204,825	216,300
Vasanta Press ...	162,858	210,000	239,250	Vasanta Press ...	164,306	210,000	241,000
				Interest (Gross) ...	414,444	300,000	250,000
Bad Debts ...	195	1,000	700	Quarters Maintenance ...	91,363	100,000	85,000
Convention ...	16,479	50,000	15,000	Donations ...	8,399	10,000	10,000
Child Welfare Centre ...	12,534	20,000	12,000	Income from Casuarina ..	—	—	46,000
Dispensary ...	12,408	15,000	15,000	Copper Scrap sale proceeds..	68,180	—	—
Depreciation ...	85,105	80,000	105,000	Motor Cars sale proceeds..	11,520	—	—
Establishment: Salaries and Wages ...	54,483	70,000	70,000	Deficit ...	223,857	640,293	224,696
Fire Insurance ...	1,167	2,000	2,000				
Gulistan Maintenance ...	2,255	2,500	7,000				
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	4,577	4,500	4,500				
International Offices ...	24,952	30,000	20,000				
Legal & Audit Expenses ...	8,150	10,000	8,000				
Electricity & Water ...	5,016	10,000	6,000				
Miscellaneous ...	12,732	15,000	10,000				
Museum & Archives ...	4,545	5,000	13,000				
Postage, Telegram and Telephones ...	7,795	10,000	10,000				
Printing and Stationery ...	17,725	20,000	15,000				
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,451	2,000	2,000				
Provisions for Gratuity ...	4,718	6,000	12,500				
Repairs & Renewals ...	202,956	200,000	30,000				
Retirement Allowances ...	12,133	15,000	22,000				
Sanitary Department ...	15,247	17,000	18,000				
Taxes ...	17,733	20,000	40,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,695	2,000	2,000				
Watch & Ward ...	88,763	95,000	90,000				
Centre for Theosophical Studies ...	—	—	10,000				
Contributions to:				Note:			
President's Travelling Fund..	—	30,000	—	Deficit: ...	224,696		
Vice-President's Travelling Fund ...	—	10,000	—	LESS: Income from Fees & Dues directly allocated to General Fund ...	100,000		
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